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Item No. 7.2.1

## **Request for Regional Council Consideration**

☑ Agenda Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one week prior to meeting)

Date of Meeting: April 28, 2020

Subject: Musquodoboit Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic Affairs (MHACCCA)

Community Area Rate Administrative Order

## **Motion for Consideration:**

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to amend Administrative Order, 2019-005-ADM, the *Community Area Rates Administrative Order*, by adding section 33A after section 33 and before section 34 as follows:

Notwithstanding the purpose and sections 33 and 34 of this Administrative Order, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, grants may be provided by the community organization for Musquodoboit Harbour without a contribution agreement or approval of Council if:

- (a) the cumulative amounts of the grants do not exceed \$5,000; and
- (b) the recipient of each grant is either a non-profit organization registered with the Registry of Joint Stocks Companies, or a registered Canadian charitable organization.

## Reason:

Musquodoboit Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic Affairs directors understand this is not a typical use for these funds. However, the uniqueness & severity of COVID-19 requires unconventional & rapid response.

The Musquodoboit Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic Affairs wants to access \$5,000.00 from the Musquodoboit Harbour Common Area Rate to donate to local community groups actively supporting our most vulnerable community members. Groups include the Musquodoboit Harbour Food Bank and the Musquodoboit Harbour Lions Club.

## **Outcome Sought:**

That Regional Council approve the request for funds to Musquodoboit Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic Affairs (MHACCCA) as food security is a critical aspect of this global crisis, and the Chamber of Commerce intends to do everything within its power to ensure our residents are properly supported through this pandemic.

Councillor David Hendsbee	District 2