



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 11, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Russell Walker, Chair
Sara Colburne, Vice-Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor David Hendsbee
Myles McCormick
Crystal Saunier

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Streach
Georgina Fitzpatrick
Janice Kelly
Linda MacKay

STAFF: Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9, 2018

MOVED by Myles McCormick, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of April 9, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

The Committee agreed by consensus to move Item No. 9.1.3 - Rural Transit Funding Program 2018/2019 as the first item of business.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was submitted by Councillor Smith in relation to agenda Item 9.1.3.

7.2 Petitions – NONE

7.3 Presentation – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 2018 Regional Special Events Grant Report

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff report dated May 21, 2018
- Correspondence from the Africville Genealogy Society

Paul Forrest, Civic Events Coordinator provided an overview of the May 21, 2018 staff report.

In response to questions from the committee, Forrest provided clarification on the eligibility criteria for community groups to receive Regional Special Events Grants, provisions provided for rain days, and specific instances of free or paid admission to special events.

The Committee reviewed the event grant application and correspondence submitted by the Africville Genealogy Society which requested \$6700 to cover projected deficit expenditures associated with infrastructure (tents, electricity, staging and lighting) for the 35th Africville Reunion/Festival.

With input from staff, the committee deemed the grant request ineligible, as the application for funding was received after the January 29, 2018 application deadline. Staff advised of logistical support and guidance that can be provided to event organizers to help mitigate expenditures.

The Committee discussed further options available to the Africville Genealogy Society such as district capital funds.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Myles McCormick

THAT the Grants Committee refer the correspondence from the Africville Genealogy Society to Civic Events staff to minimize the projected deficit expenditures through logistical support and guidance with the event.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded Crystal Saulnier

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the 24 Event Grants for a total of \$24,000, as identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 31, 2018 from the approved 2018/19 Operating Budget - C760 Culture/Events.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Community Grants Program 2018 - Recommended Awards

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 20, 2018

Peta-Jane Temple, provided an overview of the staff report dated April 20, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council approve fifty-four (54) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 20, 2018 for a combined total of \$442,565 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants

Peter Greechan, Community Developer advised that further consultation with the Lawrencetown Community Centre is recommended to assist with the application for the Community Centre renovation project.

The following amended motion was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the ineligible application from the Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society be referred to staff for further consideration upon receipt of the required from the Society in regard to a capital grant issued in fiscal year 2017-18

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the committee now reads:

THAT the Grants Committee recommends that Regional Council approve fifty-four (54) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 20, 2018 for a combined total of \$442,565 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants with consideration to the following amendment:

- **That the ineligible application from the Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society be referred to staff for further consideration upon receipt of the required from the Society in regard to a capital grant issued in fiscal year 2017-18**

In response to questions of clarification, Temple clarified that the Halifax Refugee Clinic Association were provided funding through District Capital Funds.

The following amended motion was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Grants Committee reduce the Halifax Refugee Clinic Association award from \$4000 to \$1000 due to funding received under the District Capital Grants program for the same project and expenses.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Grants Committee recommends that Regional Council approve fifty-four (54) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 20, 2018 for a combined total of \$439,565 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants with consideration to the following amendments:

- **that the ineligible application from the Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society be referred to staff for further consideration upon receipt of the required from the Society in regard to a capital grant issued in fiscal year 2017-18; and**
- **that the recommended grant to the Halifax Refugee Clinic Association be reduced from \$4,000.00 to \$1,000.00 due to funding received through the District Capital Fund for the same project and expenses.**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.3 Rural Transit Funding Program 2018/2019

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 14, 2018

Erin Blay, Supervisor, Service Design & Projects provided an overview of the staff recommendation report dated May 14, 2018 and responded to questions from the committee in relation to mileage and reporting requirements for rural transit providers.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the following grants under the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, for the 2018/19 fiscal year:

1. Lump Sum Grants

- a. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Musquodoboit Harbour) - \$10,000
- b. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Valley-Sheet Harbour) - \$10,000
- c. BayRides - \$5,000
- d. East Hants Community Rider - \$10,000

2. Flat Rate Grant of \$0.43 per in-service kilometer up to a program maximum of \$185,000 to:

- a. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Musquodoboit)
- b. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Valley-Sheet Harbour)
- c. BayRides
- d. East Hants Community Rider

with the rate increased up to \$0.50 per kilometer if, at the end of fiscal 2018/19, residual funding remains in the account, with the supplementary funds be distributed pro-rata based on in-service kilometers to the approved applicants.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.4 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program: Fiscal Year 2018-19 Part 1 Proposed Amendments to Schedules

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 20, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Crystal Saulnier

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve renewal of tax relief for 668 properties as listed in Schedules 26 to 30 as detailed in Attachment 1 of the Information Report “Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations: Fiscal Year 2018-19 – Part 2 Renewal of Tax Relief” dated April 20, 2018, and included in Attachments 1 through 5 of this report, effective April 1, 2018, unless stated otherwise, at an estimated combined cost of \$3,755,688 from Operating Account M311-8006;**
- 2. Approve the addition of 44 properties to *Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM* as detailed in the Discussion section of the April 20, 2018 staff report at an estimated combined cost of \$160,525 from Operating Account M311-8006; and**
- 3. Adopt the amendments to *Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM* as set out in Attachments A through E in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated April 20, 2018 which will repeal and replace Schedules 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the administrative order.**

The Committee held a brief discussion respecting the ineligible application submitted by the Kinap Athletic Club. PJ Temple provided further clarification noting that the club not currently not on the tax roll for 2018. Temple further advised that that the application can be further reviewed by staff.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.5 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations: Proposed Renewal of Tax Relief for Leases Removed from Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM Schedules – Fiscal Year 2018

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 14, 2018

MOVED by Crystal Saulnier, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that the Audit & Finance Standing Committee recommend Regional Council approve a grant for the six (6) organizations listed in Table 1 of the staff report dated March 14, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-19, effective April 1, 2018, unless otherwise stated, at an estimated combined cost of \$52,251 from Account M311-8006 (Grants & Tax Concessions).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 10, 2018

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant