



**GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 12, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Chair  
Joseph Allen, Vice Chair  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
Councillor Becky Kent  
Alana Baxter  
Stefan Ludin  
Alex Handyside  
Ayo Aladejebi

REGRETS: Councillor Lindell Smith  
Leona Milne

STAFF: Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Tax & Special Projects  
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned at 10:41 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 29, 2023**

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Alana Baxter

**THAT the minutes of May 29, 2023 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Alana Baxter

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 Less than Market Value Lease: Unicorn Theatre, 11 Station Road, Head of St. Margaret's Bay**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated June 5, 2023

MOVED by Alana Baxter, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a less than market value lease with The Unicorn Theatre Society for the premises located at 11 Station Road and the lease is to contain terms and conditions that are similar to those set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2023.**

Andy Conrad, Community Facility Partnership Coordinator spoke to the report and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.2 Less than Market Value Lease: Safety Minded ATV Association**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated June 5, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Ayo Aladejebi

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve a less than market value lease with the Safety Minded ATV Association for the premises located at 15 Station Road as per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the finalized document.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.3 Regional Special Events\ Grants Report 2023/24**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated June 5, 2023

MOVED by Alana Baxter, seconded by Joseph Allen

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve 14 Event Grants for a total of \$12,550 as identified in Table 1 from the approved 2023/24 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events;**
  - i. 13 Community Celebrations totalling \$7,550**
  - ii. 1 Significant Anniversaries totalling \$5,000**
- 2. Approve 39 Established Community Events for a total of \$211,025 as identified in Table 2 from the approved 2023/24 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events;**
- 3. Approve 15 Event Grants for a total of \$233,000 as identified in Table 3 from the approved 2023/24 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events funded from the 2023/24 Community and Events Reserve Q621;**
  - i. 2 Established Community Events totalling \$33,000**
  - ii. 13 Cultural Events & Showcases totalling \$200,000**
- 4. Pending final approval of the 2024/25 budget, approve 39 Established Community Events for a total of \$211,025 as identified in Table 2 from the approved 2024/25 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events;**
- 5. Pending final approval of the 2024/25 budget, approve 15 Event Grants for a total of \$233,000 as identified in Table 3 from the approved 2024/25 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic**

**Events funded from the 2024/25 Community and Events Reserve Q621;**

- i. 2 Established Community Events totalling \$33,000**
- ii. 13 Cultural Events & Showcases totalling \$200,000**

Shari Dillman, Event Grant Administrator spoke to the report and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Billy Comer, Manager, Events responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 10, 2023**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald  
Legislative Assistant