



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 2, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Jean St-Amand, Chair
Joseph Allen, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Councillor Nancy Hartling
Alex Handyside
Darryn Steeves
Lara White

REGRETS: Ayo Aladejebi

STAFF: Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants Tax & Special Project
Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.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.

1.1 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Jean St-Amand called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Grants Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Alex Handyside

THAT Joseph Allen be nominated Vice Chair of the Grants Committee.

Joseph Allen was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Alex Handyside

THAT Joseph Allen be appointed Vice Chair of the Grants Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Joseph Allen was declared the Vice Chair of the Grants Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 9, 2024

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Darryn Steeves

THAT the minutes of September 9, 2024 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 Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Lara White declared a conflict of interest for Item 9.1.2 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program: Fiscal Year 2024/2025: Proposed Amendments to Program Schedules Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM, as a member of the St. Margaret Sailing Club.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 9.1.2.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM Respecting the Community Grants Program

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated October 3, 2024

MOVED by Alex Handyside, seconded by Joseph Allen

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM, the Community Grants Program Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated October 3, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program: Fiscal Year 2024/2025: Proposed Amendments to Program Schedules Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated November 13, 2024
- Correspondence from Janice J. Oakley

Lara White was recused from the meeting during the consideration of this item having declared a conflict of interest in the matter, as a member of the St. Margaret Sailing Club.

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Alex Handyside

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the addition of thirty-one (31) properties to Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM as detailed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated November 13, 2024 at an estimated combined cost of \$212,223 from Operating Account M311- 8006.**
2. **Approve a one-time grant by resolution of Council to AAN 00769851 Halifax Regional Municipality (City of Lakes Amateur Boxing Club) to rectify an error of omission in fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$6,726 from Operating Account M311-8006.**
3. **Approve an Operating Grant for up to three (3) consecutive years to transition six (6) organizations leasing commercial/private property to be removed from the program, commencing April 1, 2024, at a combined cost of \$125,658 from Operating Account M311-8006, subject to yearly budget availability.**

4. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM, the Tax Relief Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 to the staff report dated November 13, 2024

Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants Tax & Special Project responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Lara White rejoined the meeting at this time.

9.1.3 Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated December 2, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Grants Committee approve the proposed 2025 Grants Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants and Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 22, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant