



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 23, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Jean St-Amand, Chair
Joseph Allen, Vice Chair
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Councillor Nancy Hartling
Darryn Steeves
Hosherdar Polad
Keith McDonald
Stephanie Sachsse

REGRETS: Councillor David Hendsbee
Lara White

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

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 – January 22, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the minutes of January 22, 2025 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 Hartling, seconded by Keith McDonald

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

Councillor Hartling declared a conflict of interest for Item 9.1.1 Community Museum Grants Program: Recommended Awards 2025, as a member of S.S. Atlantic Society.

Councillor Hinch declared a conflict of interest for Item 9.1.2 Regional Special Events Grants Report 2025, as a member of North End Business Association.

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/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Community Museum Grants Program: Recommended Awards 2025

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated February 20, 2025

Councillor Hartling was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared a conflict of interest in the matter, as a member of S.S. Atlantic Society.

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve fourteen (14) annual Operating Grants for fiscal years 2025/25, 2026/27, and 2027/28, subject to annual budget approval, at a combined cost of \$157,890 from Operating Account M310-8004; and**
- 2. Approve eight (8) one-time Project Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated February 20, 2025 at a combined cost of \$55,920 from Operating Account M310-8004.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Joseph Allen

THAT the motion be amended to include item 3, direct staff to hold the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame funding under the Community Museums Grants Program pending clarification regarding the subsequent Capital Campaign request directed to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Joseph Allen

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve fourteen (14) annual Operating Grants for fiscal years 2025/25, 2026/27, and 2027/28, subject to annual budget approval, at a combined cost of \$157,890 from Operating Account M310-8004;**
- 2. Approve eight (8) one-time Project Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated February 20, 2025 at a combined cost of \$55,920 from Operating Account M310-8004; and**
- 3. Direct staff to hold the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame funding under the Community Museums Grants Program pending clarification regarding the subsequent Capital Campaign request directed to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Hartling rejoined the meeting at this time.

9.1.2 Regional Special Events Grants Report 2025

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated April 8, 2025

Councillor Hinch was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared a conflict of interest in the matter, as a member of Nottingham Business Association.

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Darryn Steeves

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve 55 Event Grants for a total of \$330,000 from the approved 2025/2026 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events and 22 Event Grants for a total of \$310,000 from the approved 2025/2026 Operating Budget – C760 funded from the 2025/2026 Culture Development Reserve Q621 as identified in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 8, 2025;**
- 2. Pending final approval of the 2026/2027 budget, approve 42 Established Community Events grants in the amount of \$313,000 funded from Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events; and 22 Cultural Events & Showcases grants in the amount of \$310,000 funded from Operating Budget – C760 funded from the Community Events Reserve Q621 as identified in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated April 8, 2025; and**
- 3. Pending final approval of the 2027/2028 budget, approve 42 Established Community Events grants in the amount of \$313,000 funded from Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events; and 22 Cultural Events & Showcases grants in the amount of \$310,000 funded from Operating Budget – C760 funded from the Community Events Reserve Q621 as identified in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated April 8, 2025.**

Shari Dillman, Civic Event Coordinator, Parks & Recreation and Billy Comer, Manager, Events responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hinch rejoined the meeting at this time.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 28, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant