



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 18, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Jean St-Amand, Chair
Joseph Allen, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Keith McDonald
Lara White
Stephanie Sachsse

REGRETS: Hoshendar Polad
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Councillor Nancy Hartling
Darryn Steeves

STAFF: Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions, Finance & Asset
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 1:05 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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 23, 2025

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Lara White

THAT the minutes of April 23, 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 Lara White, 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 – 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/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 HRM Community Grants Program: Fiscal 2025 – Recommended Awards

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated May 26, 2025

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Lara White

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve 63 awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 26, 2025 for a combined total of \$480,430 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.

Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions, Finance & Asset spoke to the report and noted corrections needed to the Petpeswick Yacht Club and Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour Westphal applications. Temple also noted a correction to Attachment 4 of the staff report dated May 26, 2025, to recognize that

the Public Good Society of Dartmouth did provide quotes but remained ineligible because the applicant was not the owner of the property for which the purchase of an appliance was sought.

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Lara White

THAT the motion be amended to include:

- 1. Amend the funding conditions for #56 Petpeswick Yacht Club in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 26, 2025, to remove the holdback condition, having the society confirmed provincial funding; and**
- 2. Recommend reduction in Grant award for #48 Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour Westphal in Attachment 2 from \$5,000 (full funding) to \$1,000 as a result of the soil being donated and not a cash expenditure, and if a reduction is approved, the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 26, 2025 be amended to a revised balance remaining of \$23,570.**

Peter Greechan responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Lara White

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve 63 awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 26, 2025, for a combined total of \$476,430 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants;**
- 2. Amend the funding conditions for #56 Petpeswick Yacht Club in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 26, 2025, to remove the holdback condition, having the society confirmed provincial funding;**
- 3. Recommend reduction in Grant award for #48 Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour Westphal in Attachment 2 from \$5,000 (full funding) to \$1,000 as a result of the soil been donated and not a cash expenditure, and if a reduction is approved, the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 26, 2025 be amended to a revised balance remaining of \$23,570; and**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor St-Amand stepped down from the Chair and Joseph Allen assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Lara White

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve that the application for St. Peter Parish be referred to staff for further review on the basis of the historic significance of the building and the need for remediation.

Temple responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor St-Amand assumed the Chair.

9.1.2 Less than Market Value Land Lease - Multiple locations:

Block HC-2 Wood Avenue, Halifax (PID 40268534), Block BO Victory Lane, Halifax (PID 00127928); and Block L Imo Lane, Halifax (PID 00035675)

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated April 30, 2025

MOVED by Stephanie Sachsse, seconded by Joseph Allen

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the lease agreement, with the key terms and conditions set forth in the staff report dated April 30, 2025, with Nova Scotia's Department of Growth and Development for the premises located at Block HC-2 Wood Avenue, Halifax (PID 40268534); Block BO Victory Lane, Halifax (PID 00127928); and Block L Imo Lane, Halifax (PID 00035675) and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the agreement.

Mike Cowper, Team Lead, Acquisition and Disposals responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.3 2025/26 Rural Transit Funding Program

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated April 29, 2025

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Keith McDonald

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve grants, pursuant to the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, for the 2025/26 fiscal year, to a maximum of \$503,851, set forth in Table 2 of the staff report dated April 29, 2025.

Grace Anthony, Program Coordinator, Programs & Engagement responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 6, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant