



**GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 26, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Joseph Allen, Vice Chair  
Councillor Virginia Hinch  
Councillor Nancy Hartling  
Lara White  
Stephanie Sachsse

**REGRETS:** Councillor Jean St-Amand, Chair  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Darryn Steeves  
Hosherdar Polad

**STAFF:** Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants & Contributions, Finance & Asset Management  
Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

*These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Grants Committee at a future meeting.*

*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 10:12 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 – August 6, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor Hinch

**THAT the minutes of August 6, 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 Stephanie Sachsse, seconded by Councillor Hartling

**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 Less Than Market Value Lease Agreement: Spencer House Seniors Centre, 5596 Morris Street Halifax, NS**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated August 12, 2025

Maria Lohnes, Senior Leasing Specialist, Commercial Leasing responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor Hinch

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve a less than market value lease agreement with the Spencer House Senior Centre for the premises located at 5596 Morris Street, and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the less than market value lease with terms and conditions that are similar to those set out in the staff report dated August 12, 2025.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.2 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated November 26, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Councillor Hartling

**THAT the Grants Committee approve the proposed 2026 Grants Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 22, 2026**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku  
Legislative Assistant