



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 5, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Russell Walker, Chair
Sara Colburne, Vice Chair
Myles McCormick
Janice Kenney
Linda MacKay
Georgina Fitzpatrick
Councillor David Hendsbee

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Streach
Crystal Saulnier (absent)
Councillor Lindell Smith (absent)

STAFF: Peta-Jane (PJ) Temple, Team Lead, Tax, Grants and Special Projects
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2018

MOVED by Georgina Fitzpatrick, seconded by Sara Colburne

THAT the minutes of January 8, 2018 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOVED by Linda MacKay, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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 - NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Community Grants Program: Request for Extension of Grant Reporting Deadline - Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search and Rescue

The following was before the Grants Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 20, 2017.

PJ Temple outlined the report explaining that the group has been provided multiple extensions on their grant reporting deadline, and under the current policy, it is not possible to provide another extension. PJ added that an option is to return the grant to HRM to be held in reserve until such time as they are ready to proceed.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that, in a recent discussion with representatives of the Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue, they advised that they had been gifted a piece of property and it closed on January 26, 2018. The group was now in the process of registering the deed for the property and, in this regard, they were requesting consideration of amending the terms so that they could return the funds, minus the costs associated with acquiring the property (i.e. legal fees, migration fees, survey costs). Councillor Hendsbee asked the Committee's consideration on the group's request. The Committee

determined it was a reasonable request and were in agreement to include it in the motion to be put forward.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Linda MacKay

That the Grants Committee recommend the Audit & Finance Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Require Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search and Rescue return the funds awarded in 2013 under the Community Grants Program, and in 2015 under the Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program in the total amount of \$38,125.00 to be deposited to the General Contingency Reserve, Q421; and**
- 2. Provide a grant to the Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue Society equivalent to the amount granted under the Community Grants Program and the Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program in the amount of \$38,125.00 for the site preparation and construction of a garage, as a withdrawal from the General Contingency Reserve Q421 subject to the following conditions:**
 - (i) Confirmation of land ownership by Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search and Rescue, or an executed long-term lease agreement of 20 years between Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search and Rescue and the land owner;**
 - (ii) Provision of revised construction estimates and a construction start-date; and**
 - (iii) Confirmation of the society's cash contribution to the capital project, including the interest paid on the previous funding issued by HRM.**
- 3. Consider a request from Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue for deductions associated with land acquisition costs such as migration, legal fees, survey up to amount of \$16,500.**

9.1.2 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program: Fiscal Year 2017-18

The following was before the Grants Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 5, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded Myles McCormick

That the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 1 of this report, to repeal and replace Schedule 26, and to amend Schedule 29, of the Administrative Order at a combined estimated cost of \$32,453 from Operating Account M311 Grants and Tax Concessions; and**
- 2. Review the level of tax relief provided to the Kinsmen Club of Sackville, 71 First Lake Drive, and the MacDonald House Association, 4144 Lawrencetown Road, in fiscal year 2018-19.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - March 5, 2018

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant