



**GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
July 10, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Russell Walker, Chair  
Linda MacKay  
Ratnam Mohan  
Janice Kenny  
Donald Dodge  
Yves Ibeme  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor David Hendsbee

**REGRETS:** Councillor Steve Streach  
Sara Colburne, Vice Chair

**STAFF:** Peta Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Contributions  
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:27 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. in Halifax Hall.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 15, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Ratnam Mohan

**THAT the minutes of May 15, 2017 be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

10.1 Interim Professional Arts Organizations Grant Program 2017/18 Recommended Awards

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Janice Kenny

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**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**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 Community Grants Program 2017: Referral - Fairview United Family Resource Centre**

The following was before the Grants Committee

- A staff recommendation report dated June 21, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**That the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council approve a one-time capital grant for the kitchen renovation project outlined in this report in the amount of \$10,000 to the Fairview United Family Resource Centre from Account M311-8004.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.2 Rural Transit Funding Program 2017-2018**

The following was before the Grants Committee

- A staff recommendation report dated May 24, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Linda MacKay

**That the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council approve the following grants under the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:**

**1) Lump Sum Grants**

- a. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Musquodoboit) - \$10,000**
- b. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Valley-Sheet Harbour) - \$10,000**
- c. BayRides - \$5,000**

**2) Flat Rate Grant of \$0.42 per in-service kilometer up to a program maximum of \$105,000**

**3) If, at the end of fiscal 2017-2018, residual funding remains in the account staff recommends the supplementary funds are distributed pro-rata based on in-service kilometers to the approved applicants up to a total of \$0.50 per kilometer.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.3 Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program: Recommended Awards – Fiscal Year 2017-18**

The following was before the Grants Committee

- A staff recommendation report dated June 23, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Linda MacKay

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council approve:**

- 1. The award of four (4) operating grants as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report for a combined total of \$132,210 from Account C801-8004;**
- 2. The award of one (1) capital grant as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report for a total of \$5,595 from Account C801-8004;**
- 3. The award of one (1) One-time Special Project Grant as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report for a total of \$2,500 from Account C801-8004;**
- 4. The allocation of \$8,195 towards EMO JEM as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report from Account C801-8004.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.4 Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations: Appeal – Black Educators Association**

The following was before the Grants Committee

- A staff recommendation report dated June 28, 2017.

Peta Jane Temple provided an overview of the staff report and responded to questions.

A brief discussion ensued with Committee members noting the efforts staff have made in attempting to contact and facilitate the process with the applicant. There was general consensus that it may be beneficial for any future applications if staff were to meet with the representatives of the Black Educators Association Board and their staff to review the application process. The Committee passed a motion endorsing the staff recommendation and added a third recommendation in this regard.

MOVED by Janice Kenny, seconded by Councillor Smith

**That the Grants Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Confirm that the tax relief provided to the Black Educators Association remain unchanged for fiscal year 2016-17; and**
2. **Direct the CAO to direct staff to consider the Association's request for an increase in level of tax relief during the regular application review and decision-making process for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.**
3. **Direct staff to invite representation from the Association's Board of Directors and staff to meet to review the application process for the current tax relief program.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. ADDED ITEMS**

**10.1 Interim Professional Arts Organizations Grant Program 2017/18 Recommended Awards**

The following was before the Grants Committee:

- A staff report dated July 8, 2017

Jamie MacLellan, Community Developer, provided an overview of the staff report and responded to questions.

During the presentation, Jamie MacLellan clarified two minor errors in the report, as follows:

- Attachment 3 of the staff report inadvertently omitted reference to the organization 'Women in Film and Television- Atlantic' which had made application for Operating Assistance. The Committee was advised that their application was reviewed per the terms of the Grants to Professional Arts Organizations program and reference to their application should have appeared under the List of Non-Recommended Grants 2017-2018 - Operating Assistance.
- In Attachments 2 and 3 of the staff report, where reference was made to the 2017/18 intake of the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Grant Program, it should state the **2016/17** Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Grants Program intake as there is no intake for 2017-2018 for this program.

MOVED by Ratnam Mohan, seconded by Donald Dodge

**That the Grants Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve 28 awards for operating assistance at a combined value of \$281,000 as detailed in Attachment 2 of the July 8, 2017 staff report from operating account C760-8004 – Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program; and**
2. **Approve 12 awards for project assistance at a combined value of \$79,000 as detailed in Attachment 2 of the July 8, 2017 staff report from operating account C760-8004 – Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 11, 2017**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant