



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 6, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Russell Walker, Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Steve Streach
Councillor Lindell Smith
Janice Kenney
Sara Colburne, Vice Chair
Ratnam Mohan

REGRETS: Donald Dodge
Linda MacKay
Yves Ibeme (absent)

STAFF: Shelly Hutt, Program Technician, Community Grants
Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants & 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 1:03 p.m. and adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 10, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT the minutes of July 10, 2017 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee seconded by Janice Kenny

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 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Orgs: Proposed Renewal of Tax Relief for Leases Removed from AO 2014-001-ADM Schedules

The following was before the Grants Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 14, 2017

Peter Greechan provided an overview of the report and addressed questions from the Committee. He noted that the reason the recommendation is before the Audit and Finance Standing Committee prior to Regional Council is that this matter is outside the parameters of the program and, therefore, is required to go through the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Janice Kenny, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Grants Committee recommend the Audit & Finance Standing Committee recommend Regional Council approve a grant for the (7) organizations listed in Table 1 of the August 14, 2017 staff report for fiscal year 2017-18, effective April 1, 2017, unless otherwise stated, at an estimated combined cost of \$104,047 from Account M311-8006 (Grants & Tax Concessions).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 BID Contributions Fund: 2017-2018 Recommended Awards

The following was before the Grants Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 5, 2017.

Peter Greechan provided a brief overview of the BID contributions fund and addressed questions from the Committee.

Councillor Streach advised that he met with representatives from the Fall River business community this morning and they are looking for assistance in regard to beautification of the business area. The Councillor questioned staff if the group would qualify for this fund.

Peter Greechan responded that they would not qualify for the fund. Peter explained that there are eight business improvement districts that have been approved by Regional Council for the fund. Peter suggested that, if the representatives from Fall River wished to begin the process to become the ninth BID, they could contact staff. Peter cautioned that the process was a significant amount of work.

A brief discussion ensued and it was noted that the North End Business district and the Bayer's Lake business district had been considering this process, and it was suggested that they may be a resource for the representatives of Fall River with regard to the process.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council approve the eight (8) awards detailed in Attachment 1 of the September 5, 2017 staff report for a combined total of \$107,000 from operating account C771 – 6919.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 4, 2017

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant