



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 8, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Russell Walker, Chair
Sara Colburne, Vice Chair
Councillor Steve Streach
Myles McCormick
Janice Kenney
Linda MacKay
Georgina Fitzpatrick
Crystal Saulnier
Councillor Lindell Smith

REGRETS: Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF: Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants & Contributions
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. and adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. The Chair advised that there were three new members on the Committee and round-table introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4, 2017

MOVED by Sara Colburne, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT the minutes of December 4, 2017 be approved.

Janice Kenney referenced the submission from Canadian Blood Services and the subsequent recommendation the Committee passed in regard to this (pg. 5 of the minutes) and questioned if a report would be coming back to the Committee. Peter Greechan confirmed that a supplementary report would be coming back to the Grants Committee.

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 Janice Kenny, seconded by Myles McCormick

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

For the information of the new members the Chair provided an explanation in regard to declaring a conflict of interest.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3.1 Staff Presentation – Overview/Orientation of the Grants Committee

The following was before the Committee:

- A Presentation entitled, *Finance & Asset Management Grants & Contributions*

Peter Greechan presented an overview on the Grants and Contributions program. In the presentation, Peter elaborated on the Committee's role in the Community Grants Program, the Tax Exemption for Non-profit Organizations, Non-profit Fire Tax Concessions, Business Improvement District Contribution Fund; Less than Market Value Sales (Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Properties), and Grants and Contributions Interdepartmental Support.

Peter responded to questions. For the Committee's information, Peter distributed copies of the Guidebook staff developed on the Community Grants Program.

Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Policy and Planning, was in attendance and responded to questions concerning the Tax Relief Program for non-profit organizations, the Non-profit Fire Tax Concessions and the Business Improvement District Contribution Fund.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS: NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 5, 2018

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:34p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant