



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 9, 2015**

PRESENT: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair
Councillor Russell Walker, Vice Chair
Ms. Linda MacKay
Ms. Sara Colburne
Mr. Donald Dodge
Mr. John Falkenham

REGRETS: Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Brad Johns
Mr. Francis Glover
Ms. Rania ElSouri

STAFF: Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Tax, Grants and Special Projects
Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Events and Cultural Initiatives
Mr. Jaime MacLellan, Community Developer
Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Regional Recreation & Culture
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Support

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 10:06 a.m. and adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

A roundtable of introductions was given at this time.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee for 2015.

MOVED by Mr. Dodge, seconded by Ms. Colburne that Councillor Russell Walker be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Grants Committee for 2015.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations; there being none, the Chair declared Councillor Walker Vice-Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Mr. Dodge that the minutes of December 1, 2014 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed to address item 7.1.2 – 211 Information and Referral Services (211 NS) – Renewal as the first order of business.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Mr. Dodge that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Interim Professional Arts Organization Grants Program – 2014/2015 Recommended Awards

This matter was address later in the meeting, see page 3.

7.1.2 211 Information and Referral Services (211 NS) - Renewal

The following was the Committee

- A staff recommendation report dated December 23, 2014

The Committee reviewed the staff report dated December 23, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Mr. Dodge that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the terms and conditions as outlined in Table 1 of the staff

report dated December 23, 2014 to renew the Memorandum of Agreement for 211 Nova Scotia, co-located with the 311 Halifax Call Centre at 21 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth and execute an amendment to the Agreement based on the terms and conditions as per Table 1 of the staff report dated December 23, 2014.

In response to a question raised, staff confirmed that provincial funding was secured for the length of the lease.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.1 Interim Professional Arts Organization Grants Program – 2014/2015 Recommended Awards

The following was the Committee

- A staff recommendation/information report dated January 30, 2015

MOVED by Mr. Dodge, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. 17 awards for operating assistance at a combined value of \$249,500.00 as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 30, 2015 from operating account C764-8004 – Interim Professional Arts Organization Grant Program; and**
- 2. 10 awards for project assistance at a combined value of \$48,500.00 as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 30, 2015 from operating account C764-8004- Interim Professional Arts Organization Grant Program.**

The Committee entered into discussion with staff responding to questions related to the scoring methodology as identified in the staff report dated January 30, 2015.

During the discussion a question was raised in regard to including information in future reporting on the cumulative amount of municipal funding received by successful applicants. Staff spoke to the challenges of assigning a dollar value to such support as tax exemption and less-than-market leases, but that it would be possible to list the type of municipal support received by each group.

Staff indicated in response to question that the final scores are not published, but that the Committee could request this information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 2, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Halifax Hall, City Hall

Prior to adjourning it was **MOVED by Mr. Dodge, seconded by Ms. Colburne that the Committee request an orientation session on Grants from staff at the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Support