



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 4, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor David Hendsbee
Ms. Sara Colburne
Mr. Donald Dodge
Ms. Ratnam Mohan
Mr. John Falkenham
Ms. Janice Kenney

REGRETS: Ms. Linda MacKay

STAFF: Mr. Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants and Contributions
Ms. Cathy Collett, 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 1:44 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Halifax.

Election of Vice Chair

The Chair called three times for nominations for the position of the Vice Chair for the Grants Committee.

MOVED by Ms. Janice Kenney, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Ms. Sarah Colburne be nominated Vice Chair of the Grants Committee.

The Chair called three times for further nominations, hearing none it was MOVED by Ms. Janice Kenney, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT nominations for the position of Vice Chair close.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair declared Ms. Sarah Colburne Vice Chair of the Grants Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 7, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded Mr. Donald Dodge

THAT the minutes of December 7, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 10.1 Community Grants Tax Relief Update – Councillor Walker

MOVED by Mr. Donald Dodge, seconded by Ms. Janice Kenney.

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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 2016: Referrals

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated December 8, 2015*

Mr. Peter Greechan briefly provided background on the Halifax 100th Anniversary Grants Program and commented that there may be grants that are better suited to Community Grants that come in as an application to the Halifax 100th Anniversary Grants program. He explained that the report was requesting permission to pass on such applications to the Community Grants program for consideration.

Mr. Greechan responded to questions of clarification from Committee members regarding the logistics of the process.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Ratnam Mohan

That the Grants Committee endorse Section 26 of the *Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Grants Program* policy in permitting the referral of applicants not recommended for funding to the 2016 *Community Grants Program* conditional upon the eligibility of both the organization and project expense(s).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

9.1.2 Volunteer Search & Rescue Grants Program: Recommended Awards – Operating – Fiscal Year 2015-16

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2015 re: Volunteer Search & Rescue - Operating*

Mr. Peter Greechan thanked Mr. Barry Manuel, EMO Coordinator, Mr. Roy Hollett, Deputy Fire Chief, and Mr. Sean Auld, Superintendent Central Division HRP, for attending and responded to questions of clarification from Committee members regarding the allocation of funds.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Mr. Donald Dodge

THAT the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council approve the award of four (4) operating grants as described in the Discussion section of the report dated October 27, 2015 (re: Operating) for a combined total of \$116,000 from Account C801-8004.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.3 Volunteer Search & Rescue Grants Program Recommended Awards – Capital Projects: Fiscal Year 2015-16

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2015 re: Volunteer Search & Rescue – Capital Projects*

Mr. Peter Greechan commented that this year funding for capital projects were determined through applications, as opposed to the reimbursement system used in past years.

The Chair questioned if it would be possible for Councillors to add to the capital project funding through the District Capital Funds. Mr. Greechan agreed to look into the policy and get back to Committee members.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Mr. Donald Dodge

THAT the Grants Committee request feedback from staff clarifying if surplus funds from the 14/15 budget would be eligible to offset the capital project expenses of the Lakeview Search and Rescue Group.

In response to questions of clarification from Committee members, Mr. Paul Service of the Halifax Search and Rescue Team explained to the Committee that, in an attempt to increase searcher safety, the Halifax Search and Rescue Team are proposing to purchase specialized apparel for the searchers. Currently, it can cost a searcher up to \$1500.00 to purchase the required equipment and apparel to participate, which can be a deterrent from joining the team.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Janice Kenney

THAT the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council approve:

- 1. A capital grant in the amount of \$6,500 to the Eastern Shore Ground Search and Rescue from Account C801-8004;**
- 2. A one-time conditional capital grant of \$15,000 to Halifax Ground Search and Rescue from Account C801-8004.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

10.1 Community Grants Tax Relief Update

Councillor Walker commented that he would like to request a verbal update on the status of the Tax Relief Program at the next meeting of the Grants Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded, Ms. Sarah Colburne

THAT the Grants Committee request a verbal update on the status of the Tax Relief Program at the next meeting of the Grants Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 1, 2016, Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Assistant