



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 7, 2016**

PRESENT: Ms. Sara Colburne, Vice Chair
Ms. Linda MacKay
Ms. Janice Kenney
Ms. Ratnam Mohan
Mr. Donald Dodge
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor David Hendsbee

REGRETS: Mr. John Falkenham

STAFF: Ms. Peta Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions
Ms. Shelly Hutt, Grants Program Technician
Mr. Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Policy and Planning
Ms. 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 2:12 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p. m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Kenney

THAT the minutes of September 12, 2016 be approved.

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 Mr. Dodge, seconded by Ms. Kenney

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

For the Committee's information, Councillor Hendsbee advised that he sat on the Board of the Akoma Centre but that he had no personal vested interest.

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/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program Fiscal Year 2016-17: Proposed Renewal of Tax Relief and Additions to Programs

The following was before the Grants Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2016.

Ms. Temple presented the report. In her remarks, she noted an error in the Background section of the report, page 2, paragraph 5 noting that the Dartmouth Lawn Bowls Club *is effective April 1, 2017*, and not

recommended in fiscal year 2016-17 as stated. The Committee passed a motion to clarify the statement as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Kenney

THAT page 2 of the staff report be amended as follows:

Paragraph 6 of the 'Background' section, be clarified to read: *Proposed Reinstatement: The reinstatement of Beaver Bank Kinsac Lions Club, Spencer House Seniors Centre is recommended in fiscal year 2016-17, and the Dartmouth Lawn Bowls Club is effective April 1, 2017.*

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Ms. Temple, Ms. Hutt, and Mr. Fisher responded to questions.

Councillor Hendsbee made reference to Parcel HCC2 Old Lawrencetown Road owned by Akoma Holdings Incorporated and questioned why this parcel of land was not recommended for tax relief when another vacant parcel is recommended for tax relief. He explained that the parcel in question used to have only 1 PID, but at some point the Province created another PID on the parcel. Councillor Hendsbee pointed out that, what was previously exempt, now has no tax relief at all.

A brief discussion ensued and Ms. Temple indicated that the Committee could amend Table 4 to include Parcel HCC2 in Schedule 28.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Ms. MacKay

THAT Table 4. Applications Not Recommended for Tax Relief be amended to transfer Akoma Holdings Incorporated Parcel HCC2 to Schedule 28.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hendsbee referred to Table 5 and noted that the Old School Community Gathering Place and Porter's Lake Community Services Association were community halls and suggested that they should be treated equally with other community halls which are given full exemption status.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Ms. Kenny

That Table 5 *Increase in Level of Tax Relief not Recommended* be amended to convert the level of tax relief for the Old School Community Gather Place to 75% and increase the level of tax relief for the Porter's Lake Community Services Association to 100%.

A discussion ensued on the motion and Ms. Temple cautioned the Committee that this request may raise a question of potential preferential consideration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Ms. Mohan

That the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Order, as presented in the October 27, 2016 staff report, and as amended at the November 7, 2016 Grants Committee meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 9.2 COMMITTEE - NONE**
- 10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**
- 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 9, 2017 (tentative)**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant