

GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

January 7, 2013

- PRESENT: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Mr. Darren Watts
Mr. Andrew Higdon
Ms. Lori Wozney
Ms. Kate Watson
Mr. David Woo
- REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns
Mr. Geoff Baker
- STAFF: Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Special
Projects
Mr. Chad Renouf, HRM Real Estate Planner
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in the Halifax Hall, City Hall, Halifax.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR - NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2012

MOVED by Mr. Higdon, seconded by Mr. Watts that the minutes of September 10, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

9.1 Councillor Walker- Composition of Grant Committee Membership

The Chair requested that Item 7.1 be dealt with after the approval of the agenda.

MOVED by Mr. Higdon, seconded by Ms. Wozney that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7.1 Neptune Theater

Ms. Amy Memlock, General Manager of Neptune Theater Foundation and Mr. Rob Batherson, Volunteer President of the Neptune Theatre Board, gave a presentation to the Committee.

Neptune representatives noted the following points to the Committee:

- Neptune Theater employs close to 300 people through full/part time work and contact staff.
- Neptune drives 9.2 million in economic activity.
- Neptune gives back through community outreach programs.
- Economic reality being faced by Neptune, including cost increases, infrastructure needs and reliance on earned revenues.

Ms. Memlock and Mr. Batherson answered questions of clarification from the Committee. Ms. Memlock thanked the Committee for their past support and requested that the Grants Committee continue their support to Neptune Theater.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1 Recurring Annual Awards

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Special Projects, advised that a report had previously been before the Grants Committee. She noted that the findings suggested that recurring annual awards were not a big problem. She advised that staff wanted to ensure that they were proceeding as requested by the Committee. She noted that there is a directory that shows each group and how much and how often they had received funding.

Councillor Watts requested that the reports include the history of funding given for each group as she felt that it added clarity to the report.

Ms. Watson asked if reports that included history of funding would be weighed based on receiving grants in the past.

Ms. Temple advised that it is not used to weigh the project. However, she noted that in the event that two projects were tied in score, a group that has never received funding may have the scale tipped in their favor.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Neptune Theater

Presentation was held earlier in the meeting, see page 3.

7.2 Correspondence –None

7.3 Petitions- None

8. REPORTS

8.1 Staff

8.1.1 Property Matter : Less than Market Value Sale of a Portion of PID #40914863, Cobequid Rd, Lakeview to the Union Cemetery Company

A staff report dated August 21, 2012 was before the Committee.

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Special Projects and Chad Renouf, Real Estate Planner, gave a brief presentation on the report. Ms. Temple advised that the Union Cemetery company requested that HRM donate the land as it borders their property and they had been using it for years as a parking lot. She noted that the land was created by changing the road layout in the area. She stated that HRM found out it owned the land after the Union cemetery applied to place a sign on the property. She advised that due to the low value of the land and its limited marketability staff are recommending sale of less than market value to Union Cemetery Company.

Councillor Dalrymple advised that the change in the road had happened twenty five years ago due to the number of accidents at that section of Cobequid road. He stated that the Union Cemetery Company had been using the land since that time and assumed it was their property. He also advised that the company is aware of three unmarked graves located on the property in question.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, subject to the closure of a portion of Cobequid Road, whereby the property located at PID#40914863, Cobequid Road, Lakeview, be conveyed to the Union Cemetery Company for the sum of \$1.00, plus all costs associated with this conveyance, subject to the preparation of a site survey, legal description and documents of conveyance, and the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of this report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Councillor Walker- Composition of Grant Committee Membership

Councillor Walker noted that the terms of reference for the Grants Committee included one Councillor appointed per Community Council. He stated that since the restructuring of the Community Councils the number of Community Councils was reduced from six to three. He noted that under the TOR this would only allow for three Councillors. He recommended that the Grants Committee request that the TOR be changed to allow up to two Councillors per Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Mr. Watts that the Grants Committee recommend that the Audit and Finance Standing Committee amend the terms of reference of the Grants Committee to allow up to two Councillors per Community Council to better reflect the restructured Community Council format.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 6, 2013

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Quentin Hill
Legislative Assistant