

GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

March 4, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Russell Walker, Chair  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Matt Whitman  
Mr. Geoff Baker  
Mr. Andrew Higdon  
  
Ms. Kate Watson  
Councillor Barry Dalrymple

REGRETS: Ms. Lori Wozney  
Mr. Darren Watts

STAFF: Mr. Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Community and  
Recreation Services  
Ms. Christine Buckley, Program Technician  
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2013**

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the February 4th, 2013 minutes be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Councillor Hendsbee requested that Ms. Lucie Quigley, from MusGo Rider, be permitted to address the Committee under item 7.2 of the agenda to which the Committee agreed.

Additions:

- 8.1 Property Matter: Less than Market Value Lease: Canada Games Centre –Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Ms. Watson 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**

**6.1 Correspondence**

**6.1.1 HRM Grant to the Maritime Muslim Academy –Ummah Centre Gym**

Correspondence from Dr. Hadi Salah, dated February 18, 2013 was before the Committee.

Mr. Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Community and Recreation Services advised that the Maritime Muslim Academy (MMA) had received a grant in 2009-2010 for construction of a gym in their community centre. He advised that the MMA had a few setbacks in constructing the site. Mr. Greechan recommended that Grants Committee approve the extension to the MMA as access to the gym will be granted to the public once it is completed.

**MOVED by Mr. Higdon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee to allow an extension to the Maritime Muslim Academy providing the gym is completed by 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**6.2 Petitions-None**

**6.3 Presentation-None**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 Less than Market Sale-2421 Brunswick Street, Halifax to Adsum Association for Women and Children.**

A staff report dated February 11, 2013 was before the Grants Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Higdon that HRM Grant Committee reaffirm its May 7, 2012, recommendation to Halifax Regional Council to:**

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation and Adsum Association for Women and Children, for the less than market value sale of 2421 Brunswick Street, Halifax, to the Adsum Association for Women and Children, as per the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the March 6, 2012, staff report (attached) and the information contained in this Supplementary Report dated February 11, 2013.**
- 2. As a condition of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, Adsum Association for Women and Children will be responsible to pay all outstanding property taxes and annual tax amounts for the term, in which, the group hold title.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7.2 HRM Community Based Transit Funding**

A staff report dated January 30, 2013 was before the Grants Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Grants Committee recommends that Regional Council approve the HRM Community Based Transit Funding Program developed by staff (attachment 1 of the January 30, 2013 staff report).**

In response to questions raised by the Committee, Mr. David Reage, Manager, Planning and Scheduling, Metro Transit, advised that the Grants Committee did not receive most recent copy of the staff report. Mr. Reage advised that the application

criteria was the process to evaluate the MusGo Rider pilot project and release the pilot projecting funding.

Councillor Hendsbee asked for clarification on the following:

- How come the application criteria are judging the outcome of the MusGo pilot project before they have completed a year of service?
- Why can't the Community Transit programs use HRM bus stops and transit terminals?
- Can the fare structures from outside services and Metro Transit be integrated?

Mr. Reage responded that fare integration and using terminals currently have liability issues and would slow down the process of moving the Community Based Transit Funding program forward. He advised that the motion before the Committee was just to establish the program to be evaluated on providing money to MusGo Rider and other future community transit based services.

Ms. Lucie Quigley, General Manager of MusGo Rider noted the following concerns to the Committee:

- Important to consult with rural transit service providers on application criteria, as rural transportation should not be compared with urban service. She advised that there are other services across the provinces that provide a rural transit service that could provide advice.
- Application criteria are geared toward existing services and does not allow for new services.
- Scoring system of the application criteria is unclear.

A number of Committee members advised that there were issues in the application criteria. The Committee noted it was important to have the framework in place for Community Transit program but advised that they would like to see a community consultation process.

Further discussion ensued with Ms. Quigley and staff answering questions of clarification.

The following amendment was put:

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman to amend the motion to include “that Regional Council request that staff to begin public consultation process to review the HRM Community Based Transit Funding program evaluation criteria which will go back to the Grants Committee.”**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The amended motion before the Committee was as follows:

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Grants Committee recommends that Regional Council approve the HRM Community Based Transit Funding Program developed by staff (attachment 1 of the January 30, 2013 staff report) and that Regional Council request that staff to begin public consultation process to review the HRM Community Based Transit Funding program evaluation criteria which will go back to the Grants Committee.**

**MOTION PUT PASSED.**

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 Property Matter: Less than Market Value Lease: Canada Games Centre – Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic**

A staff report dated February 11, 2013 was before the Committee.

**MOVED by Mr. Higdon, seconded by Mr. Baker that the Grants Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council approve the less than market value lease to Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic (CSCA), with terms and conditions as outlined in Table 1 of the February 11, 2013 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Dalrymple noted that Mr. David Woo was attending his last Grants Committee meeting as he was transferring to a new job. The Committee thanked him for his many years of service.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 8, 2013**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Quentin Hill  
Legislative Assistant