



**Grants Committee
MINUTES
September 14, 2015**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Russell Walker, Vice Chair

ABSENT: Councillor Brad Johns
Mr. John Falkenham

STAFF: Mr. Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants & Contributions, Finance & ICT
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Grants Committee are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/HRMGrantsCommittee.php>

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 1, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Ratman Mohan,

THAT the Grants Committee minutes of June 1, 2015, be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added items:

- 8.1 Info Item #1 - Information report dated August 10, 2015 re: Administrative Order 50 – Disposal of Surplus Real Property 2015
- 8.2 Info Item #2 - Information report dated August 5, 2015 re: Community Grants Program – Delinquent Reporting Update 2015

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Donald Dodge,

THAT the order of business 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 - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentation - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Community Grants Program 2015-16: Referrals

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 5, 2015

Mr. Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants & Contributions, reviewed the origin of this matter, noting that in May 2015 the Grants Committee made recommendation to Regional Council for the Community Grants Program 2015-2016. In May 2015, during consideration of the Community Grants Program 2015-16, Regional Council approved a motion to refer the application from the Preston Area Housing Fund to staff for further review.

Mr. Greechan further reviewed that in June 2015 the Grants Committee received a written submission requesting reconsideration of the refusal of the Community Grants Program 2015-16 application by the Halifax North West Trails Association. The Committee approved a motion referring this application back to staff for further review.

Mr. Greechan advised that since that time, despite several attempts, they were not able to reach anyone with the Preston Area Housing Fund, and therefore are not recommending award of the application.

Mr. Greechan indicated that staff reconsidered the application from the North West Trails Association, corresponded with the Province on the matter, and consulted with the Municipality's Parks and Recreation department, which advised of the Municipality's focus on active transportation trails, as opposed to recreational trails. He also noted the uncertain capital funding for the project, and land ownership issues, and advised that staff are recommending that the original recommendation to decline the request be confirmed.

MOVED by Donald Dodge, seconded by Sara Colburne,

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council confirm the recommendation of May 4, 2015, and decline a grant request in the amount of \$5,000 to the North West Trails Association.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 Business Improvement District (BID) Contributions Fund: 2015-2016 Recommended Awards

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 17, 2015

Mr. Greechan provided an overview of the BID Contributions Fund policy, included as an attachment to the staff report. He reviewed with the Committee levy revenues per BID and corresponding proportional share of HRM discretionary funding for 2015-16, as outlined in Table 1 of the staff report.

Mr. Greechan responded to questions from the Committee, clarifying that there is no carry over of these funds, that the BID has to be able to match funds, and the \$107,000 budget is formulated so that it is proportionally based on the levy collected per BID.

MOVED by Donald Dodge, seconded by Janice Kenney,

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the eight (8) awards detailed in Attachment 1 of the August 17, 2015 report for a combined total of \$107,000 from operating account C771-6919.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Info Item #1 - Information report dated August 10, 2015 re: Administrative Order 50 – Disposal of Surplus Real Property 2015

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff information report dated August 10, 2015

Staff provided a brief overview of the information report.

8.2 Info Item #2 - Information report dated August 5, 2015 re: Community Grants Program – Delinquent Reporting Update 2015

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff information report dated August 5, 2015

Staff provided a brief overview of the information report.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 5, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Halifax Hall, main floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant