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Naval Memorial Trust
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Dear Sir:

Re: HRM Community Grants Program: Conditional Award: Request for Information

At the Grants Committee meeting of March 6, 2012, the committee requested staff obtain additional information from the Naval Memorial Trust as a condition of releasing a capital grant in the amount of \$50,000 payable in 2012-2013.

1. Proposed project budget threshold for release of HRM grant.

Is there a funding threshold to be reached prior to embarking upon the international design competition? What percentage of the projected \$750,000 must be realized before the competition is launched?

2. Eligible expenses

Salaries and wages, recurring core operating costs and fundraising are ineligible. Therefore, eligible expenses are those directly related to the design competition such as professional fees and marketing expenses. As noted in the report to Regional Council, HRM's grant is towards costs directly related to the design competition and excludes any salaries and wages, general office operating costs etc. Please provide further details regarding the design competition including a timeline and corresponding cash flow.

3. Reassurance regarding the probability of raising the capital funding required to implement a large-scale capital project.

HRM's interest is primarily in regards to the proposed Naval Memorial Hall to be erected on the wharf alongside HMCVS Sackville and excludes any proposed expansion of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, saltwater berth, or Naval Interpretation Centre. Given the perceived reliance on federal funding for much of the proposed construction, the Grants Committee is seeking greater reassurance regarding the probability of significant federal funding – both in

relation to the design competition itself and future capital funding. While appreciating that the Trust is unable to provide a guarantee, an indication of the intended source of funding, anticipated amount of funding requested from the respective source, and decision-making timelines would provide greater clarity.

In closing, it would be appropriate for the Naval Memorial Trust to provide this information to the Grants Committee in writing and in the form of a presentation. Key funding partners could also attend as observers or participants so as to allow for a more comprehensive discussion.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require further clarification, please call me at 490-5469 or email temple@halifax.ca. In closing, a separate letter will be sent to the Trust in relation to the 2011 capital grant. The letter includes the specific terms and conditions of funding and a final report form.

Sincerely,

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Cc: HRM Grants Committee
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