



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 1, 2016**

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

STAFF: Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Tax, Grants, and Special Projects
Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Cathy Collett, 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 12:55 p.m. and adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2016**

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Sarah Colburne

THAT the minutes of January 4, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed to move 9.2.1 to the beginning of the agenda in order to allow Mr. Craig Walkington, Chair of the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Advisory Committee to be present for the discussion.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Mr. John Falkenham

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**
5. **CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS –**
6. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**
8. **INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**
9. **REPORTS**
- 9.1 **STAFF**
- 9.2.1 **Halifax Explosion Recommended Grants**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff report dated January 28, 2016

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple introduced Mr. Craig Walkington, Chair of Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Advisory Committee. Mr. Walkington provided background on the work of the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Advisory Committee and explained that the guiding principles and vision statement developed by the Committee were used in the scoring process for the recommended grants.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Mr. Donald Dodge.

THAT the Grants Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council approve

1. Ten (10) awards as detailed in the Discussion section of the report dated January 19, 2016 (Attachment 1) for a combined total of \$90,760 from Account M311-8004 *Community Grants Program*; and
2. Transfer of \$43,591 from M311-8004 to the Operating Surplus Reserve Q328.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.1 Budget Transfers

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff information report dated January 11, 2016*

The Committee tabled the information report.

9.1.2 Memorandum Re: Regional Special Events Grants and Interim Professional Arts Grants – Schedule for the Grants Committee

The following was before the Committee:

- *A memorandum from staff dated January 18, 2016*

The Committee agreed to invite Ms. Elizabeth Taylor to give a short presentation to review AO 201-0210-GOV at the April 4, 2016 meeting of the Grants Committee and discussed moving the June meeting from June 6, 2016 to June 27, 2016.

MOVED by Ms. Ratnam Mohan, seconded by Ms. Sara Colburne

THAT the June meeting of the Grants Committee be move from June 6, 2016 to June 27, 2016 to allow sufficient time for information regarding the Interim Professional Arts Grants to come forward.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

9.1.3 Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations: New Applications, Renewals, and Proposed Amendments for 2015-16 Fiscal Year

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff recommendation supplementary report dated January 21, 2016*

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple outlined the changes between the Supplementary Report dated January 21, 2016 and the original report viewed by the Grants Committee at their December meeting. She explained the distinction made between a lease and a licence and briefly discussed the challenges posed by non-profit tenancy in the market place.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Ms. Colburne

THAT the Grants Committee Waive Notice of Motion for the purpose of bringing forward a motion to rescind the motion passed at the December 7, 2015 meeting of the Grants Committee regarding Tax Relief.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Mr. Donald Dodge

THAT the Grants Committee rescind the motion made on December 7, 2015 re: Tax Relief

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Ms. Sara Colburne, seconded by Mr. Falkenham

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council repeal and replace Schedules 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM Respecting Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations as set out in Attachment 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 of the report dated January 21, 2016 at a combined total cost of \$3,308,002 from Account M311-8006.

Ms. Temple responded to questions of clarification regarding full exceptions for Heritage properties and Councillor Hendsbee suggested that it might increase clarification if Heritage properties were noted as such on the published schedules.

The Committee discussed the importance of increased clarity for the evaluating criteria as well as greater uniformity between the different schedules in the forthcoming updates to the Tax Relief program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.1 This item was deal with earlier on the agenda.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Review of Tax Relief Reports

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Linda MacKay

THAT Mr. Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Policy and Planning attend the next meeting of the Grants Committee and provide a review of the current status of the Tax Relief Program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 7, 2016, Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Assistant