



**GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 25, 2016**

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

**REGRETS:** Mr. John Falkenham

**STAFF:** Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events  
Mr. Paul Forrest, Civic Events Coordinator, Events Grants Administrator  
Mr. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Contributions  
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Assistant

*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/agenda.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:49 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Russell Walker, seconded by Ms. Sara Colburne

**THAT the minutes of May 2, 2016 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED by Mr. Donald Dodge, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT the order of business be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**8.1 Community Grants Program 2016-17: Applications Not Recommended for Funding – Councillor Hendsbee**

The following was before the Committee:

- A Staff Information Report dated April 21, 2016 re: Community Grants Program 2016-17: Applications Not Recommended for Funding.

Councillor Hendsbee commented that by not funding any motorized vehicle trails HRM is missing opportunities. He noted that the Musquodobit Harbour Area Chamber of Commerce had a hard time figuring out what category to apply to.

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 Community Grant Program 2016: Referrals (i) and (ii)**

The following was before the Committee:

- A Staff Recommendation Report (i) and (ii) dated May 12, 2016 and May 18, 2016 re: Community Grants Program 2016: Referrals

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Sara Colburne

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council approve**

- 1. Five (5) awards as detailed in the Discussion section of the report dated May 12, 2016, for a combined total of \$24,900 from Operating Account Community Grants Program M311-8004 and;**
- 2. A project grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery towards hosting the nationally touring exhibition Walking With Our Sisters (as detailed in the report dated May 18, 2016).**

Committee members commented that is important for this report to go to the May 31, 2016 Regional Council meeting as there is a tight time-line for the groups affected by these grants.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.2 Memorandum from Ms. Peta-Jane Temple re: Corporation of Christ Church Anglican, Dartmouth: Capital Grant 2016.**

The following was before the Committee:

- A Memorandum from Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Contributions Re: Corporation of Christ Anglican – Dartmouth: Capital Grant 2016.

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple explained to the Committee that, due to a clerical mistake on behalf of HRM, a grant was awarded to Christ Church for repairs to a cemetery retaining wall "conditional upon heritage planner approval." HRM only funds cemeteries that have the Heritage Designation, and it was determined during this process that Christ Church was not a registered Heritage Property. Upon discovering this error, the applicant has initiated the heritage registration process and there is no reason to believe that this process will not be successful.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Janice Kenney

**THAT, pending a letter from Heritage Planning Staff indicating that that the Heritage Registration process has started, the award of \$25,000 towards masonry repairs to Christ Church should not be held back.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**9.1.3 Regional Special Events Grants: 2016**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff report dated May 18, 2016 re: Regional Special Events Grant Report 2016

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager of Culture and Events, thanked the Grants Committee for reviewing the Regional Community Grants. She explained to the Committee that this is the first year that these awards are before the Grants Committee as they have previously been considered by the Special Events Advisory Committee and funded through the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve.

MOVED by Ms. Linda MacKay, seconded by Councillor Tim Outhit

**THAT the Grants Committee**

- 1. Approve 67 Event Grants for a total of \$197,100 as identified in Table1 from the approved 2016/17 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events;**
- 2. Approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$172,500 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve (Q312);**

3. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 2 from the approved 2017/18 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Event;
4. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$172,500 as identified in Table 2 from the 2017/18 Culture Development Reserve (Q312);
5. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 3 from the approved 2018/19 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events; and;
6. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$172,500 as identified in Table 3 from the 2018/19 Culture Development Reserve (Q312).

The Committee noted that the proposed award to We Day Atlantic had been significantly reduced from previous years. Ms. Taylor indicated that this event has been funded over the past 3 years from various sources, the Marketing Levy Special Event Program, (MLSER) and in 2015 through Operating Surplus, Q328. She explained that because the event meets criteria specific to the AO on Regional Special Events, the application has been directed to the Cultural Events & Showcases Program. She noted that staff recommended an event grant of \$10,000 to We Day Atlantic based upon the criteria as outlined in the AO. With requests for more than double the program capacity of \$200,000, provision of funding to We Day Atlantic at the 2015 level would create a significant reduction in funding available to all other events in this category.

The Committee discussed the possibility of finding additional funding for We Day Atlantic and reviewed Alternative 2 of the staff report.

Responding to the questions of clarification from Committee members, Ms. Taylor explained that the Multicultural Festival submitted an application for funding to the 2015 Regional Events program and staff recommended an award of \$27,500. It is understood that the Festival will not take place in 2016. Therefore, staff recommended that Regional Council could increase the level of funding to We Day Atlantic by using the remaining capacity in the Cultural Events & Showcases Program (\$27,500) funded from the Culture Development Reserve, Q312.

Considering the significance of this event, it was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Outhit that the motion be amended to include

**THAT Regional Council allocate the remaining funding in the Cultural Events & Showcases Program (\$27,500) to increase the grant award to We Day Atlantic.**

**AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED.**

The main motion now reads:

**THAT the Grants Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. Approve 67 Event Grants for a total of \$197,100 as identified in Table 1 from the approved 2016/17 Operating Budget — C760 Community/Civic Events;
2. Approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$200,000 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve Q312 as amended:
  - (a) We Day Atlantic Grant be increased from \$10,000 to a total of \$37,500 as outlined in alternative 2 of the Staff Report dated May 18, 2016.
3. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 2 from the approved 2017/18 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events;

4. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$200,000 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve Q312 as amended:
  - (a) We Day Atlantic Grant be increased from \$10,000 to a total of \$37,500 as outlined in alternative 2 of the Staff Report dated May 18, 2016.
5. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 38 Event Grants for a total of \$178,500 as identified in Table 3 from the approved 2018/19 Operating Budget - C760 Community/Civic Events; and;
6. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 13 Event Grants for a total of \$200,000 as identified in Table 1 funded from the 2016/17 Culture Development Reserve Q312 as amended:
  - (a) We Day Atlantic Grant be increased from \$10,000 to a total of \$37,500 as outlined in alternative 2 of the Staff Report dated May 18, 2016.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 27, 2016**, Halifax Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. **(will be rescheduled due to graduation ceremonies).**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Cathy Collett  
Legislative Assistant