



**GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 22, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair  
Councillor Russell Walker  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Mr. Donald Dodge  
Ms. Linda MacKay  
Ms. Ratnam Mohan  
Mr. John Falkenham

**REGRETS:** Ms. Janice Kenney  
Councillor Tim Outhit  
Ms. Sara Colburne, Vice Chair

**STAFF:** Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events  
Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Civic Events Coordinator, Events Grants Administrator  
Mr. Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants and Contributions  
Ms. Patricia Hughes, Acting Manager of Planning and Scheduling  
Ms. Erin Harrison, Acting Supervisor of Service Design & Projects  
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 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 25, 2015**

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

**THAT the minutes of May 25, 2016 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

The Chair questioned if the Committee was willing to move item 9.1.3 to the beginning of the meeting as transit staff had to leave the meeting early in order to make another meeting in Dartmouth.

MOVED by Councillor Russell Walker, seconded by Councillor David Hendsbee

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

2/3 majority vote required

**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 - NONE**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.3 Rural Transit Funding Program 2016/17**

The following was before the Committee:

- A Staff Recommendation Report dated May 23, 2016

Councillor David Hendsbee introduced Jesse Greenough and David Kerr, Executive Director of MusGo Rider Cooperative.

The Committee agreed that Jesse and Dave could address the Committee for up to five minutes regarding their concerns with the staff recommendation.

Jesse and Dave explained that MusGo Rider Valley had been approved by the department of municipal affairs and outlined their concerns with the overlap between their service area and that of the East Hants Community Rider. They noted that the overlap occurs because the East Hants Community Rider service has three clients that reside in Musquodobit Harbour and who are picked up to be brought back into East Hants. Dave explained that the East Hants Community Rider service only provides service to their members and that either the pick-up location or the destination must be in East Hants.

Ms. Erin Harrison, Coordinator of Project Planning, Halifax Transit, explained that the Administrative Order governing the program does not allow for the funding of two organizations that service the same area.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT the Grants Committee:**

- 1. Refer the matter to Transit Staff to consider the new information brought forward at the Grants Committee meeting on June 22, 2016 and to consult with the East Hants Community Rider and MusGo Valley Rider groups regarding service boundaries.**
- 2. Defer the matter pending an update from Staff.**

Councillor Walker noted that there are only representatives from one of the groups involved and that it is important to hear from both sides on the matter.

Councillor Hendsbee commented that it is important to have the matter make it to the August 2, 2016 Council meeting and that a special meeting of the Grants Committee will need to be called in order to consider the matter again.

The Legislative Assistant agreed to arrange for a special meeting of the Grants Committee once transit staff are ready to report back regarding the matter.

Councillor Hendsbee requested that the funding recommendations for the two other groups (MusGo Rider Cooperative and BayRides) go to the next meeting of Regional Council so as not to delay their funding.

Patricia Hughes, Acting Manager, Planning and Scheduling, Halifax Transit, explained that the Administrative Order requires that if there is not enough fund to fund all the approved groups, that the groups are prorated equally across the board and thus all funding recommendations must go to Council at the same time.

The Committee acknowledged that if this motion passes, this will likely require a mid-July special meeting of the Grants Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.1 Interim Professional Arts Organization Grants Program – 2016/17 Recommended Awards**

The following was before the Committee:

- A Staff Recommendation Report dated June 1, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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

1. **25 awards for operating assistance at a combined value of \$ 284,500 as detailed in Attachment 2 from operating account C760~8004 — Interim Professional Arts Organization Grant Program; and**
2. **13 awards for project assistance at a combined value of \$ 75,500 as detailed in Attachment 2 from operating account C764-8004 — Interim Professional Arts Organization Grant Program.**

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events introduced the report and briefly outlined the history of the program. She noted that this grant program funds high-caliber projects and that the applicants who are recommended to receive Operating Assistance grants all received a score higher than 80% on their application.

Responding to questions of clarification regarding the applicants who did not receive grants, Ms. Taylor noted that the Professional Arts Organization Grant Program allocates funds to high-caliber, professional applicants and the Community Grants Program allocates funds to applicants with a community focus, but that there may be a gap for applications that fall in between that could be addressed going forward.

Committee members indicated that it should be emphasized to Regional Council that the applications receiving funding scored 80% or higher as there are a number of interesting applications that are not receiving funding and it is important for Regional Council to understand the high caliber of work required for this grant program.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.2 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations: Proposed Renewal of Tax Relief for Leases Removed from Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM Schedules**

The following was before the Committee:

- A Staff Recommendation Report dated June 14, 2016

Mr. Peter Greechan briefly introduced the staff report.

Committee members commented that this report should go directly to Regional Council, not to Audit and Finance as indicated in the staff recommendation.

The Legislative Assistant explained that the report needed to go to Audit and Finance first because the recommended funding does not fall within a specific granting program.

Committee members commented that funding requests only go to Audit and Finance if the funds are not budgeted for and need to be located and that there is plenty of room in Account M311-8006 to support the recommendation. The Committee thus agreed not to include the recommendation to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee in their motion and make a recommendation directly to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Ms. Linda MacKay

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend Regional Council approve a grant for the nine (9) organizations/ten (10) properties listed in Table 1 of this report for fiscal year 2016-17, effective April 1, 2016, unless otherwise stated, at an estimated combined estimated cost of \$109,743 from Account M311-8006.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 12, 2016, Halifax Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:58

Cathy Collett  
Legislative Assistant