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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

Re: Community Grants Program Funding Request

Further to our meeting of May 3, 2012, I am writing to provide an update on the status of the Trust's request to HRM for \$100,000 in funding towards an international design competition.

- The information you provided in your letter of May 3, 2012, was forwarded to the Clerk's office but did not make the May 7th agenda package. It will be included on the June meeting agenda at which time the Grants Committee will be asked to confirm that an award can be issued as per the terms and conditions of funding approved by Regional Council. The award was for \$50,000 from the 2011-12 *Community Grants Program* payable in 2012-13.
- At the May 7th meeting I suggested that the Trust be invited to make a presentation to the committee as a follow-up to the initial award (\$50,000 in 2012). The committee determined that any presentation should be addressed after all appeals have been received for this year's *Community Grants Program*. The staff recommendations regarding ineligible, not recommended for funding, and recommended awards were tabled at the May 7th meeting. It was considered a potential conflict for the committee to receive a presentation from the Trust in advance of a report regarding appeals. The intent is to avoid any perception of preferential consideration.
- The Grants Committee would prefer that if the Naval Memorial Trust want to appeal the recommendation to decline additional funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the *Community Grants Program* 2012-13, that they do so through the regular appeals process. If the recommendation not to provide additional funding in 2012 is upheld by Regional Council you will be notified in writing by staff; the letter will provide an appeal deadline.

- During the course of deliberations regarding applicants not recommended for funding it became apparent that clarification is needed on the initial funding recommendation. The staff recommendation was *amended* by the committee to a “one-time capital grant”. Evidently, the committee’s intent was that the total value of award be limited to \$50,000. It was the committee’s “one-time only” recommendation that was approved by Regional Council.

To summarize: the June meeting of the Grants Committee will determine the release of last year’s award. If this year’s recommendation not fund an additional \$5,000 is upheld the Trust would have to appeal through the regular appeals process. Only after the appeals process has concluded will the committee entertain a presentation request so as to avoid any perception of preferential consideration. Staff will keep the Trust apprised as the decision-making process unfolds. I will be on vacation May 14th to June 2nd, Peter Greechan (490-7310) can provide confirmation of Regional Council’s decision which is expected in the 3rd or 4th week of May.

I have taken the liberty of copying this letter to the Grants Committee, Councillors’ Sloane and Outhit, and staff who were involved in the initial review so that all parties are aware of the current status of your request.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,

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