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Item No. 2

Halifax Regional Council
May 26, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of the Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: *for Julia Hume*
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

DATE: May 19, 2009

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program 2009-2010 Ineligible Applicants

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Grants Committee meeting of May 11, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Grant Committee received the information at their May 11, 2009 meeting. The Committee recommended forwarding the report to Council for information. Not included in the initial staff report is a request by the Sheet Harbour Lions Club under the sector Recreation & Leisure for \$8,160.90 for kitchen renovations. The property is HRM-owned operated under a Facility Management Agreement and receives funding under the HRM Contributions Fund.

With the addition of the Sheet Harbour Lions Club the total number of ineligible applicants changes to 15 for a combined total of \$373,800.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives recommended by the HRM Grants Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Information report dated April 3, 2009

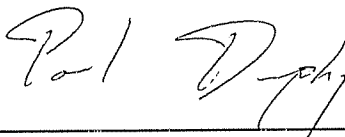
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HRM Grants Committee
May 11, 2009

TO: Chair and Members HRM Grants Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Paul Dunphy, Director, Community Development

DATE: April 3, 2009

SUBJECT: HRM Community Grants Program 2009-2010: Ineligible Applications

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report originates from a request from Council for staff to communicate to certain applicants their ineligibility for the HRM Community Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The *HRM Community Grants Program* awards annual project-specific grants to registered non-profit organizations located within the geographic boundary of HRM. Each year the *HRM Community Grants Program* receives submissions that are ineligible for various reasons such as: not a registered non-profit within 12 months of date of application, out-of-region applicant, type of project or expense not funded by the program, multiple requests, incomplete or late application, debt to HRM, or no reporting on a prior year's grant.

DISCUSSION

A total of fourteen (14) applications totalling \$365,640 have been deemed ineligible by staff for further consideration in this year's review process. Once the listing is approved by the HRM Grants Committee and Regional Council has been notified through an Information Report, ineligible applicants are advised in writing as soon as possible so they can pursue other funding opportunities. Appeals will only be considered on the basis of new information, or an error in fact or procedure during the review process (Community Grants Guidebook, p. 35). Any applications received after the deadline of March 31, 2009, will also be considered ineligible.

Five (5) of the fourteen applications were from Concorde Premier, a property management company, on behalf of several housing cooperatives. In each case, Concorde requested grants which exceed the capital grant maximum value as cited in the program guidelines ie. >\$25,000. A letter will be sent to the management company noting the guidelines. However, a total of six applications from housing cooperatives are eligible and have proceeded to the next round of the review process.

Applicants Deemed Ineligible 2009-2010

1. AIESEC Halifax - Diversity

A request for \$3,300 for the purchase of a laptop computer, telephone and self-promotional materials. The application is incomplete and the applicant has not reported on the expenditure of the 2008-09 grant in the amount of \$900 towards the purchase of a laptop computer.

2. Alex's Safe Harbour Society - Emergency Assistance

A request for \$2,274.61 for the purchase of a laptop computer and software. The applicant is not a registered non-profit society (p.2) and the type of service (grief counselling and bereavement support) is not funded by the *Community Grants Program* (p.20).

3. Concord Premier - Affordable Housing & Emergency Shelters

Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Society

A capital grant of \$75,132.48 requested for deck repairs and replacement of exterior doors, windows and roof. The request exceeds the maximum capital grant as set out in the Guidebook (p.16) and application form.

Highfield Housing Cooperative Limited

A capital grant of \$7,528.80 requested for replacement of exterior doors. The application is incomplete.

McIntosh Run Housing Cooperative Limited

A capital grant of \$107,500 requested for roof repairs to 25 duplexes. The request exceeds the maximum capital grant as stated in the Guidebook (p.16) and application form.

Rooftops Housing Cooperative Limited

A capital grant of \$9,135 requested for repairs to deck supports. The application is incomplete.

Spryview Housing Cooperative Limited

A capital grant of \$80,796.11 requested for replacement windows. The request exceeds the maximum capital grant as set out in the Guidebook (p.16) and application form.

4. Cat Rescue Maritimes - Environment

A grant of \$5,000 requested for the production of a fundraising calendar. The *Community Grants Program* does not fund fundraising (p.11).

5. City of Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society - Affordable Housing & Shelters

A capital grant of \$25,000 requested to re-shingle the roof of a 16-unit apartment building. The applicant is in debt to HRM.

6. Cobequid Cultural Centre of the Arts Society - Recreation & Leisure

A request for \$5,000 to promote five “cultural events” to raise money for a cultural centre. The application is incomplete and the *Community Grants Program* does not fund fundraising or events. Refer to staff for assistance with future applications.

7. Cunard Street Children’s Centre - Recreation & Leisure

A capital grant of \$10,000 requested for repairs to day care centre’s exterior walls. Technically, HRM is part owner of the property given that the centre was awarded a less than market value sale for the sum of \$150,000 paid over a 10-year period. The final installment is due in 2012¹. HRM’s in-kind contribution was \$75,000.

The *HRM Community Grants Program* does not fund child care or parenting programs per se. The exception to this would be playgrounds owned by non-profit groups, recreational equipment,

¹ In November, 2002, HRM agreed to the sale of 5557 Cunard Street, Halifax, to the Cunard Street Children’s Centre for the sum of \$150,000 paid over a 10-year term (2012). The property was assessed at \$225,000.

and children's arts programs² (Report to Council, January 8, 2007, p.4). In 2007, the centre received a grant of \$3,500 for outdoor play equipment.

8. Halifax Regional Police Youth Program (Association) - Neighbourhood Safety

A grant of \$5,000 towards equipment and training for Halifax Regional Police volunteers to conduct bike patrols of recreational areas in HRM from May to September and *Bicycle Safety Rodeos*. The applicant is not a registered non-profit; application is pending. Staff recommend referral to Halifax Regional Police.

9. Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers Association - Neighbourhood Safety

A grant of \$5,000 requested for road signs. The application is incomplete.

10. River Community Centre Association - Recreation & Leisure

A capital grant of \$25,000 requested for playground equipment. The application is incomplete. Refer to staff for assistance with future applications.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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ALTERNATIVES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

² In 2007, Council approved replacing the Social Supports category with Neighbourhood Safety. For clarity, the report states: "Child care and parenting programs are a provincial responsibility primarily under the Department of Community Services and the Department of Health. However, the *HRM Community Grants Program* will continue to provide support for children's recreation (eg. playgrounds, adaptive equipment) and children's art programs (eg. dance, theatre, music, visual arts)".

**Community Grants Program: Ineligible Applications
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