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**Item No. 14.4.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**July 31, 2018**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Vice-Chair, North West Community Council

**DATE:** July 20, 2018

**SUBJECT:** LWF Ratepayers Association Community Grant – Seniors Friendly Group

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**ORIGIN**

July 18, 2017 motion of Regional Council:

*That Halifax Regional Council maintain the area rate for LWF Ratepayers Association at \$0.03 per \$100.00 of residential and resource assessment with the grants subsequent to July 18, 2017 be subject to the approval by the North West Community Council.*

July 9, 2018 meeting of North West Community Council, Item No. 13.2.1

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, section 25 (f) which states: "The powers and duties of a community council include making recommendations to the Council on any matter referred to it by the Council".*

**RECOMMENDATION**

That North West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council authorize a \$5000 one-time Community Grant from the LWF Ratepayers Association Common Area Rate to the Seniors Friendly Group to enhance opportunities for residents to participate in community trips geared toward seniors.

**BACKGROUND**

On July 18, 2017 Regional Council approved a motion that Halifax Regional Council maintain the area rate for LWF Ratepayers Association at \$0.03 per \$100.00 of residential and resource assessment with the grants subsequent to July 18, 2017 be subject to the approval by the North West Community Council.

The Community Grant proposal for the Seniors Friendly Group was submitted to North West Community Council by the LWF Ratepayers Association on June 4, 2018.

On June 19, 2018 Regional Council approved a new Area Rate policy requiring community associations to adjust their existing budgets to exclude discretionary grants provided by area rate associations other than those for events, beautification, signage, or for existing facilities. As this request was formally received before the change in policy (June 19), staff have determined that the request can be grandfathered and processed by way of motion from North West Community Council with final approval made at Regional Council. This method of grant approval was last followed in April of this year.

For further information, please refer to the attached request for North West Community Council consideration form and attachments dated June 9, 2018.

**DISCUSSION**

North West Community Council considered the Community Grant proposal, as submitted by the LWF Rate Payers Association (an area recreation rate) at its meeting held on July 9, 2018 and have forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The tax rate of \$0.03 per \$100.00 for residential and resource assessment for the LWF Ratepayers Association was approved by Regional Council on July 18, 2017. As of March 31, 2018, there was a surplus of \$108,015 of which \$57,000 has been allocated. Therefore, there are sufficient funds to accommodate the total request for \$5000 from the LWF Ratepayers association for community grants. The 2018-19 Budget is being presented to Council on July 31, 2018 as well.

**Revenue Budget for 2017-18**

Description of Revenue Source	Amount (\$)
4201 Residential Area Rate Revenue	\$ 200,100
4206 Resource Area Rate Revenue	\$ 400
<b>Total Revenues (must equal total expenditures):</b>	<b>\$ 200,500</b>

**Expenditure Budget for 2017-18**

Description of Planned Expenditures	Amount (\$)
6205 Printing & Reproduction	100
6207 Office Supplies	300
6003 Wages – Regular	
6301 Professional Fees (Audit fees)	6350
6301 Professional Fees (Board Training & Governance Grant Programs)	2850
6404 Recreation Programming Supplies	
6607 Electricity	1000
6912 Advertising and Promotion	3200
6933 Community Events (Keloose)	5000
8003 Insurance Policies and Premiums	800

9000 Prior Year (Surplus)/Deficit	(101,300)
Funding for WJCC	140,800
Funding for Lakeview Park (LHA)	12,000
Website	1,000
Community Grants	128,400
<b>Total Planned Expenditures (must equal total revenues):</b>	<b>\$ 200,500</b>

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risks have been identified.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

North West Community Council meetings are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Community Council for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during Public Participation. The agenda, reports, and minutes of North West Community Council are posted on Halifax.ca.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVES**

North West Community Council did not discuss alternative recommendations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Request for North West Community Consideration form dated July 9, 2018.

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

Report Prepared by: Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant, 902.490.6521

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## Attachment 1

Request for North West Community Council Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: July 9, 2018</b>		
<b>Subject: LWFRA Community Grant – Seniors Friendly Group</b>		
<b>Motion for North West Community Council to Consider:</b>		
<b>That North West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council authorize a \$5000.00 one-time Community Grant from the LWF Ratepayers Association Common Area Rate to the Seniors Friendly Group to enhance opportunities for residents to participate in community trips geared toward seniors.</b>		
<b>Timeline:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 16, 2018 decision of the LWF Ratepayers Association at AGM to award a \$5,000 Community Grant to the Seniors Friendly Group</li><li>• June 4, 2018 correspondence regarding LWF Ratepayers Association request received.</li><li>• June 19, 2018 Halifax Regional Council change in Area Rates administered</li></ul>		
<p>This request was formally received before the change in policy (June 19). In consultation with staff, this request can be grandfathered and processed by way of motion by Community Council with final approval made at Regional Council. This method of grant approval was last followed in April of this year.</p>		
<b>Attachments:</b>		
Attachment 1: LWF Ratepayers Association 2017-18 Business Plan & Budget		
Attachment 2: Description of Community Grant Requests		
Attachment 3: LWF Common Area Rate Catchment Area		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>		
To authorize a one-time Community Grant identified by the LWF Rate Payers Association to be funded from the LWF Ratepayers Common Area Rate.		
<i>Councillor Steve Streach</i>	<i>District 1</i>	

**2017-18 Business Plan & Budget for**

Name of Association or Society:	LWF Ratepayers Association		
Registry of Joint Stock Companies ID#:	3236227	Registry Status "Active" (Y or N):	Yes

	Primary Signing Authority	Secondary Signing Authority
Name & Title:	Jocelyn MacDonald Secretary	Barry Dalrymple Treasurer
Phone number:	Redacted	Redacted
Mailing Address:	Redacted	Redacted
E-mail Address:	Redacted	Redacted

Business Plan & Budget approved at Annual General Meeting held on:	June 19 <sup>th</sup> 2017
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**Mission and Description of Services Provided**

(including who the services are provided to)

- To fund and enhance various community recreation programs, including those provided by the Windsor Junction Community Centre (WJCC) and the 'Lakeview Homeowners Association (LHA).
- To broaden our funding capabilities to allow us to participate as requested in other recreational and community based events in Lakeview, Windsor Junction and Fall River area as a whole.
- Currently we support programs at the WJCC offering day camps, swim lessons, lifeguarding, and junior leadership programs for youth.
- We also support Lakeview activities for youth using park facilities.
- We continue to support various local annual events such as Keloose and look forward to partnering with other organizations in the area that provide recreation and community oriented facilities, events and activities.
- Support for Minor sports (baseball, football etc.), adult sports and recreation, walking trails and community parks.

**Accomplishments**

(What has your organization accomplished in the past year?)

- Ongoing support, expansion and increased participation at the Windsor Junction Community Centre – youth in day camps, life guarding, swim lessons, youth leadership etc.
  - Local LWF Minor Baseball Association based out of the WJCC exceeded 600 children in membership for the first time in its history.
  - The WJCC day camps and swim lessons had their largest attendance of youth in their history!
  - Ongoing support to the Lakeview Homeowners Association in providing day camps, park/play equipment and youth supervisors.
  - Girl Guides and other Community groups started using the WJCC bldg. in the winter months for the first time ever.
- LWF RA funding allowed the WJCC to install a new septic system and other infrastructure improvements.

- External Audit with Collins Barrow
- Advertising and Promotion for Grants program and notice of meetings
- Funding partner in Keloose 2016 bringing community together, engaging youth, sport, music, seniors and families! The largest turnout in its history!
- Funding partner with Fall River Jam Session engaging seniors in music and increasing social capacity outside the home.
- Funding partner with SWEPS trails systems – enjoyment of our environment.

### Goals for 2017-18

(What does your organization plan to accomplish between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018)

1.	Continue with the Windsor Junction Community Centre programs and services
2.	Outdoor deck on the WJCC, enhanced and expanded parking, make beach accessible
3.	Widen the road into the WJCC
4.	Youth programming with Lakeview Homeowners Association
5.	Build on the success of Keloose Family Fun Days increasing community participation
6.	Continue to fund grant applications outstanding from last year and applications for this current year
7.	Improved beach, park and playground access, with an additional focus in accessibility
8.	Partner with the multi-purpose sports field in Fall River
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### Area Rate Information

Purpose of Area Rate:	Recreation and community based program funding and support.
Will the Purpose or Amount of the Area Rate change in 2017-18?	No
If so, how and why has it changed, and have the majority of homeowners voted to approve the change?	N/A
2017-18 Area Rate will be:	\$0.03 per \$100 of taxable assessment
Area subject to Area Rate:	Sections of Lakeview, Windsor Junction and Fall River
Year Area Rate to Expire (if applicable):	n/a
Do you anticipate a surplus or a deficit at the end of this year (2016-17)? How much?	Accumulated surplus to March 31, 2017: \$ 95,000 approximately unallocated funds will be allocated in 2017/18
If a surplus exists at the end of the fiscal year, how is it to be applied?	Outstanding applications will be considered in 2017/2018

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June 4, 2018

Tim Outhit  
Chair, NWCC  
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Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

Dear Tim,

HRM Department of Financial Policy and Planning has confirmed the process required to expend the LWFRA Community Grants. As passed by Council on July 18<sup>th</sup>, “the budget for grants to be subject to approval by the North West Community Council.”

The annual expenses listed in our budget will be processed as usual, with no changes to the previous process.

Those expenses budgeted under Community Grants (\$128,400), require the additional step of being approved by Council by passing through North West Community Council.

As outlined by HRM Department of Financial Policy and Planning, I’ve included the current request. At our meeting of April 16, 2018, the LWFRA passed the motion to award \$5,000 to the Seniors Friendly Group. Their request was evaluated with a score of 74/80. The Seniors Friendly Group is a regular partner. This year the money will be used to enhance opportunities for residents to participate in community trips geared toward seniors.

If you require any details or have any questions in advance of, or during your meeting, please contact us to arrange for a representative.

Once this is approved, please request HRM Finance to mail the cheques to the address above to be distributed, with the reporting requirements, to the organizations.

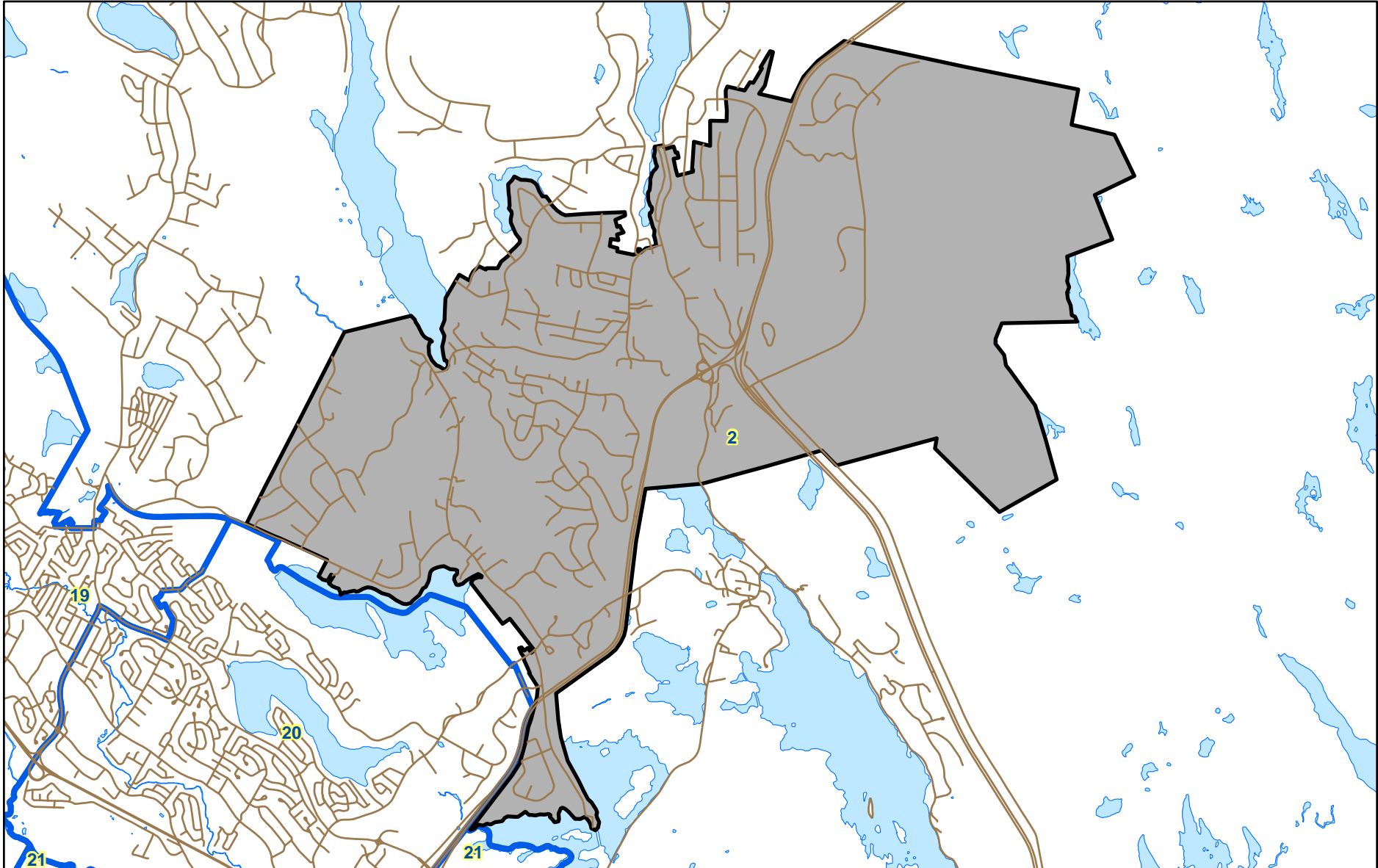
Sincerely  
Marni Tuttle  
President, LWFRA

Cc: Clerk’s Office, Steve Streach



LWF RECREATION AREA RATE  
REVISED MAY 12, 2011

Attachment 3



**Legend**

- Street Centreline
- LWF\_recreation\_May\_12\_2011
- Electoral District 2008

