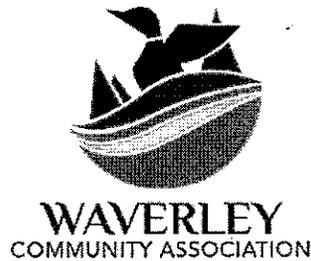




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Item No. 15.3.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: March 26, 2019		
Subject: Waverley Community Association Agreement Request		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report to respond to a request from the Waverley Community Association dated January 24, 2019 for HRM to negotiate a Contribution and Service agreement to provide annual funding of \$20,000.		
Reason: The Waverley Community Association (WCA) owns and operates the Waverley Community Hall for the benefit of citizens. HRM sold the property to the WCA in January 2012, which included heritage status protection and a buy back agreement. Prior to 2013 the Waverley Rate Payers Association, which changed its name to the WCA, had an HRM sidewalk area rate. The area rate was discontinued however, the WCA continued to be funded through an area service account. Through recent work on area rates and review of legacy agreements, staff determined that with the discontinuation of the area rate, the funding should have ceased. The volunteer association requires a transition period to secure/obtain alternative funding source(s). The WCA houses a community museum component operated by the Waverley Historical Society, but the Waverley Historical Society and the WCA are not currently eligible for HRM Museum Grant Program. The WCA would be eligible to apply to the Community Grants Program but have requested annual funding.		
Outcome Sought: To determine appropriate funding and potential scope of a service agreement between Waverley Community Association and Halifax Regional Municipality.		
<i>Councillor Steve Streach</i>	<i>District 1</i>	



January 24 2019

Michael Ryan, HRM
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Mr. Ryan:

The Waverley Community Association (WCA) respectfully requests Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) to consider and approve a contribution/service agreement between the WCA and HRM to provide an annual fund of \$20,000. The purpose of the funds would be ongoing operational costs. The money will be used for such things as electricity, heating oil, insurance, and general property repairs.

The WCA operates a community centre, also housing a museum in the Waverley area since 1991. We believe HRM currently enjoys the benefits of this facility by not having to own and maintain the facility itself.

The facility is extensively used year round. Non-profit groups (ie Girl Guides), small businesses (ie fitness classes), and many local community groups (ie Waverley Amateur Athletic Association, Shubie Canal Waterway development) use the hall for meetings and events. The museum not only does tours of its exhibits for the general public, but also regularly hosts field trips from local elementary schools. They also utilize the hall for special events, like community teas, and also had a pop up bakery last summer. Additionally, each September the local festival, Gold Rush Days, is well attended and the building is used for many of the events.

The support of HRM will allow the WCA board to continue and maintain the facility at a high level, ensuring the facility can serve the community for many more years.

WCA has worked to operate the facility and support the community, and in addition, the WHS and their mandate. The discontinuation of this hall and museum would be a great loss for this small but engaged community. In addition, we believe this to be the only small hall in the area with a handicap accessible washroom.

With the support of HRM, the WCA will be able to extensively support the community, negating the requirement of HRM to support these services directly.

We look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Virginia L. Archibald
Chair