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**Item No. 9.1.8**  
**Grants Committee**  
**November 18, 2019**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Grants Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:**                   -Original Signed-  
Denise Schofield, Director, Parks & Recreation

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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** October 17, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Regional Special Events Grant Report - Sackville Business Association

**ORIGIN**

- June 18, 2019 Halifax Regional Council motion:  
  
MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Blackburn  
“THAT Halifax Regional Council:  
1. Approve 64 Events Grants for a total of \$211,750 as identified in Table 1 of the staff report dated May 27, 2019 from the approved Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events; ...”
- Staff initiated follow-up request to approve a one time increase in funding to the Sackville Business Association

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

- 79A (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the Municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if (a) the expenditure is included in the Municipality's operating budget or capital budget or is otherwise authorized by the Municipality;
- Administrative Order Number 2014-021-GOV: Respecting Regional Special Events Grant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve a one time increase in funding in the amount of \$500 to the Sackville Business Association under the Community Celebrations Grant program for the Annual Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting event from the 2019/20 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 18, 2019 Regional Council approved funding for the Annual Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting in the amount of \$500 as outlined in Attachment 1.

The Sackville Business Association (SBA) is a non-profit organization which represents organizations and businesses within the boundaries of the Sackville Business Improvement District (“BID”). The BID organizes this annual event which is free for members of the public to attend.

## **DISCUSSION**

The rationale for recommending an additional \$500 in funding under the *Regional Special Events Grants Program* for the Annual Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting is to correct an error in the initial staff report. The recommended amount should have been \$1,000 which is consistent with prior years’ funding and other similar established events, but was listed incorrectly in the amount of \$500. This traditional event consists of free live music, refreshments, a visit from Santa Clause and the lighting of the Christmas trees.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All Community Celebrations, Significant Anniversaries and Established Community Festivals recommendations can be accommodated in the approved 2019/20 operating budget for Community/Civic Events account C760-6933.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendation in the Report. The risks considered rate low. To determine this, consideration was given to financial and reputational risk.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Information regarding program eligibility, application timelines, and applicant timelines are posted on the HRM website. The Grants Committee includes members of the public.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Alternative 1: The Grants Committee may choose to recommend that Regional Council decline the recommendation to approve additional Community Celebration Event Grant in the amount of \$500.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Summary of Funding Recommendations for Community Celebrations and Significant Anniversaries of the June 10, 2019 Grants Committee Report

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.

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**Attachment 1**  
**Annual Funding**

Summary of Funding Recommendations for Community Celebrations and Significant Anniversaries

	<b>Community Celebrations</b>	<b>2018/19 Grant</b>	<b>2019/20 Requested</b>	<b>2019/20 Proposed</b>
1	Agricola Street Holiday Market	\$750	\$1,000	\$850
2	Black Street Neighborhood Party	\$250	\$500	\$500
3	Cole Harbour Fibre Frolic	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
4	Community Connections Festival	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
5	Community Youth Drag Showcase with Queens of the Glamazon	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
6	Creole Heritage Celebrations	\$500	\$2,500	\$1,000
7	Fairview Family Days	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
8	Halloween Haunted Hall	\$250	\$250	\$250
9	Meaghers Grant Day	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
10	Mulgrave Park Celebration Days	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
11	North by Night Market	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
12	Portland Estates and Hills Residents' Association Fun Fest	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
13	Ramadhan Celebration	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
14	Sackville Christmas Tree Lighting	\$250	\$1,000	\$500
15	Seaside Christmas 30th Anniversary	\$0	\$1,000	\$625
16	Spring Garden Children's Festival	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
17	Spring into Our Diversity	\$0	\$6,870	\$500
18	Upper Hammonds Plains Canada Day Can-Jam Celebrations	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
19	Meaghers Grant Winter Fun Day	\$250	\$300	\$300
	<b>Total Community Celebrations</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$24,420</b>	<b>\$11,025</b>

	<b>Significant Anniversary Events (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>,75<sup>th</sup> etc.)</b>	<b>2018/19 Grant</b>	<b>2019/20 Requested</b>	<b>2019/20 Proposed</b>
1	Cheema Aquatic Club 50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,000
	<b>Total Significant Anniversary Events</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>