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Item No. 15.4.2
Halifax Regional Council
November 26, 2019

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, Grants Committee

DATE: November 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Regional Special Events Grant Report - Sackville Business Association

ORIGIN

November 18, 2019 meeting of the Grants Committee, Item No. 9.1.8.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Grants Committee Term of Reference which states: "The HRM Grants Committee shall review, evaluate and make recommendations to Regional Council regarding annual cash grants, rent subsidies, property tax exemptions, less than market value property sales and leases to registered non-profit organizations and charities managed by a duly appointed Grants Committee."

RECOMMENDATION

The Grants Committee recommends that 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.

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BACKGROUND

A staff report dated October 17, 2019 pertaining to 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, was before the Grants Committee for consideration at its meeting held on November 18, 2019.

For further information, please refer to the attached staff report dated October 17, 2019.

DISCUSSION

The Grants Committee reviewed the October 17, 2019 staff report at its meeting held on November 18, 2019 and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the attached staff report dated October 17, 2019.

RISK CONSIDERATION

As outlined in the attached staff report dated October 17, 2019

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Grants Committee meetings are open to public attendance. The Grants Committee is comprised of one elected member from each Community Council, a Chair appointed from the membership of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and six (6) members of the public. The agenda, minutes, and reports for the Grants Committee are posted on the HRM website.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Grants Committee did not discuss alternative recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Staff report dated October 17, 2019.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

Report Prepared by: Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant, 902.490.6517



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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 or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

Report Prepared by: Christine Buckley, Civic Events Coordinator, Culture & Events 902.490.6979

Attachment 1
Annual Funding

Summary of Funding Recommendations for Community Celebrations and Significant Anniversaries

	Community Celebrations	2018/19 Grant	2019/20 Requested	2019/20 Proposed
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
	Total Community Celebrations	\$3,500	\$24,420	\$11,025

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