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Item No. **Information Item 2**
Grants Committee
November 26, 2025

TO: Chair and Members of Grants Committee

FROM: Brad Anguish, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 15, 2025

SUBJECT: **Community Museums Grants Program 2025 - Update**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

May 13, 2025, Regional Council [Item 15.2.1]
Moved by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Young.
THAT the Grants Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve fourteen (14) annual Operating Grants for fiscal years 2025/25, 2026/27, and 2027/28, subject to annual budget approval, at a combined cost of \$157,890 from Operating Account M310-8004;
2. Approve eight (8) one-time Project Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated February 20, 2025, at a combined cost of \$55,920 from Operating Account M310-8004; and
3. Direct staff to hold the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame funding under the Community Museums Grants Program pending clarification regarding the subsequent Capital Campaign request directed to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

The report was approved through the consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Community Museums Grants Program provides opportunities for eligible community museums, as defined in [Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM Respecting Grants to Community Museums](#), to apply for an Operating Grant or Project Grant. In 2025, eight (8) one-time project grants were approved. However, one award valued at \$10,000 to the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame towards a new hockey history (total cost \$39,049.99) was held pending confirmation that the project could proceed in fiscal 2025. Following the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame to the grant program the society made a presentation to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to request funding in the amount of \$300,000 towards a capital campaign to retrofit leased space and the installation of exhibit amenities. On March 18, 2025, Regional Council added the request to the 2025 Budget Adjustment List and subsequently approved an award in the amount of \$300,000 on April 8, 2025.

DISCUSSION

Following Regional Council's approval of a grant in the amount of \$300,000 the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame were asked to confirm if the \$10,000 held by HRM was required. In a letter dated October 6, 2025, the society withdrew their application to the Community Museums Grants Program (**Attachment 1**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$10,000 grant held pending the outcome of a separate request from the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame for \$300,000 now forms part of the balance remaining in Operating Account M310-8004.

Community Museums Grant Program Budget M310-8004	\$220,000
Less Operating Grants	(\$157,890)
Less Project Grants	(55,920)
Balance (as of May 2025)	\$6,190
Amended Balance (as of October 2025)	\$16,190

RISK CONSIDERATION

The primary risks associated with cash grants are representational (accuracy of information), financial misappropriation or loss, and reputational risk to the Municipality.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement was required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame have withdrawn their request for funding under the 2025 Community Museums Grants Program. No further action is required.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, S.N.S 2008, c.39

7A The purposes of the Municipality are to

- (a) provide good government;
- (b) provide services, facilities and other things that, in the opinion of the Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the Municipality; and
- (c) develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

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 2018-010-ADM *Respecting Grants to Community Museums.*

Administrative Order 2019-007-ADM *Respecting Grants Reporting.*

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Letter to HRM Grants Committee dated October 6, 2025, from the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame.

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October 6, 2025

Dear HRM Community Grants Program,

I understand that HRM Council is in the process of deciding on a \$10,000 gift to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, as part of the 2025 Community Museums Grants Program.

On behalf of the NSSHF, **I would like to officially withdraw our grant application.** HRM has been incredibly kind to our organization over the past several months, and we would like to ensure that another worthy group might be able to access these funds.

Thank you for all that you have done for us, and we would look forward to inviting you to our grand opening, which will hopefully be early spring 2026.

Please reach out if you have any questions/concerns. My contact info is below...

Best wishes,



Bruce Rainnie
President/CEO



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