



**GRANTS COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
May 27, 2026**

PRESENT: Councillor Jean St-Amand, Chair
Joseph Allen, Vice Chair
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Alyssa Gagne
Shernel O'Brien
Stephanie Sachsse
Hosherdar Polad
Lara White

REGRETS: Councillor Nancy Hartling

STAFF: Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions, Finance & Asset
Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 22, 2026

MOVED by Lara White, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT the minutes of April 22, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Capital Grants for Rural Transit Providers

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated May 22, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Hinch, seconded by Joseph Allen

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2026-003-ADM, the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, including the repealing of Administrative Order 2014-012-ADM, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 22, 2026.

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Anthony Grace, Program Coordinator and Alishia Berthelet, Program Coordinator responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding funding criteria, funding cap for eligible applicants within a service area, need to increase funding, and consideration of other government funding sources.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

**9.1.2 409 Glendale Drive, Sackville – Less Than Market Value Lease Extension Agreement
Sackville Minor Hockey Association**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated May 19, 2026

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve a less than market value lease extension agreement between HRM (Landlord) and the Sackville Minor Hockey Association (Tenant) for the premises located at 409 Glendale Drive, Sackville substantially on the terms contained in the staff report dated May 19, 2026, and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the less the said extension agreement.

Maria Lohnes, Senior Leasing Specialist responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the comparability of the property's market value survey within the neighbourhood.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

**9.1.3 409 Glendale Drive, Sackville – Less Than Market Value Lease Agreement – Bedford
Sackville Learning Network Society**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated May 19, 2026

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council authorize the lease agreement between HRM (Landlord) and the Bedford Sackville Learning Network Society (Tenant) and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the less than market value lease agreement for the premises located at 409 Glendale Drive, Sackville, based on the information contained in the staff report dated May 19, 2026.

Maria Lohnes, Senior Leasing Specialist responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the additional space requested by the tenant.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.4 Regional Special Events Grants Report 2026

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated May 19, 2026

MOVED by Joseph Allen, seconded by Alyssa Gagne

THAT the Grants Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

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- 1. Approve 13 event grants for a total of \$26,000 as shown in Table 2 and summarized in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 19, 2026 from the approved 2026/2027 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events; and**
- 2. Approve Women With a Vision to receive an additional \$1,000 to host North Preston Days as shown in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 19, 2026.**

Shari Dillman, Shari Dillman, Events Grant Administrator responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding event organizations that had yet to submit their multi-year funding reports and implications, contents of the funding reports, criteria used by the Halifax Regional Municipality to move an organization to a different funding level, and additional funding for Women With a Vision.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 24, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant