

## Grant Committee – Summary 2018

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The Grants Committee reviews, evaluates, and makes recommendations to Regional Council regarding: annual cash grants, rent subsidies, property tax exemptions, and less than market value property sales and leases to registered non-profit organizations and charities.

### January 08, 2018

The Committee received a presentation from Peter Greechan, reviewing the Grants and Contributions program entitled “*Finance and Asset Management Grants and Contributions*”.

### February 05, 2018

The Committee reviewed a staff recommendation report on Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program: Fiscal Year 2017-18, and approved the following motion:

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 1 of this report, to repeal and replace Schedule 26, and to amend Schedule 29, of the Administrative Order at a combined estimated cost of \$32,453 from Operating Account M311 Grants and Tax Concessions; and**
- 2. Review the level of tax relief provided to the Kinsmen Club of Sackville, 71 First Lake Drive, and the MacDonald House Association, 4144 Lawrencetown Road, in fiscal year 2018-19.**

### April 09, 2018

The Committee received a staff recommendation report from Bruce Chisholm, Community Partnerships, on Less than Market Value Lease: The North Star Rowing Club, 20 Boathouse Lane and 24 Boathouse Lane, Dartmouth, and approved the following motion:

**THAT the HRM Grants Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1) Recognize The North Star Rowing Club to be a non-profit organization that Council considers to be carrying on an activity which is beneficial to the Municipality; and**
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market value lease agreement with The North Star Rowing Club on behalf of the Municipality for the premises at 20 Boathouse Lane and 24 Boathouse Lane, Dartmouth (being a portion of PID 00094573 that includes the Oakwood House and Boathouse) where, in the determination of HRM staff, the lease agreement complies with the Recommended Key Terms & Conditions set out in Table 1 in the Discussion section of the March 5, 2018 staff report.**

### June 11, 2018

The Committee received a staff report from Paul Forrest on 2018 Regional Special Events Grant Report; the group reviewed the event grant application and correspondence submitted by the Africville Genealogy Society, and approved the following motions:

- 1) THAT the Grants Committee refer the correspondence from the Africville Genealogy Society to Civic Events staff to minimize the projected deficit expenditures through logistical support and guidance with the event.**
- 2) THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the 24 Event Grants for a total of \$24,000, as identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 31, 2018 from the approved 2018/19 Operating Budget - C760 Culture/Events.**

The Committee received a staff recommendation report on Tax relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program: Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Part 1 Proposed Amendments to Schedules, and approved the following motion:

**THAT the Grants Committee recommend that Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve renewal of tax relief for 668 properties as listed in Schedules 26 to 30 as detailed in Attachment 1 of the Information Report "Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations: Fiscal Year 2018-19 – Part 2 Renewal of Tax Relief" dated April 20, 2018, and included in Attachments 1 through 5 of this report, effective April 1, 2018, unless stated otherwise, at an estimated combined cost of \$3,755,688 from Operating Account M311-8006;**
- 2. Approve the addition of 44 properties to *Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM* as detailed in the Discussion section of the April 20, 2018 staff report at an estimated combined cost of \$160,525 from Operating Account M311-8006; and**
- 3. Adopt the amendments to *Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM* as set out in Attachments A through E in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated April 20, 2018 which will repeal and replace Schedules 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the administrative order.**

September 25, 2018

The Committee reviewed Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program: Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and approved the following motion:

**THAT Grants Committee recommends that Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the award of four (4) Operating Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 16, 2018 for a combined total of \$134,000 from Account C801-8004;**
- 2. Approve the award of two (2) Capital Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 16, 2018 for a combined total of \$7,274 from Account C801-8004; and**
- 3. Direct the CAO to conduct an evaluation of the Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program and submit a report to the HRM Grants Committee.**

November 05, 2018

The Committee received a staff recommendation report from Peta-Jane Temple on Interim Community Museums Grants Program: Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2018, and approved the following motion:

**THAT the Grants Committee recommends that Regional Council approve ten (10) operating grants and one (1) project grant as detailed in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 12, 2018 at a combined cost of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 from Operating Account M310-8004.**