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Item No. 06
Halifax Regional Council
June 21, 2016

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by Director

Amanda Whitewood, Director of Finance & ICT/CFO

DATE: May 26, 2016

SUBJECT: **Community Grants Program 2016: Status Update – Corporation of Christ Anglican Capital Grant**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

May 2, 2016 – Grants Committee review of proposed awards under the *Community Grants Program* in 2016.

May 10, 2016 – Regional Council approval of *Community Grants Program* awards for fiscal year 2016.

May 25, 2016 - Grants Committee passed a motion moved by Councilor Walker and seconded by Janice Kenney that, pending a letter from Heritage Planning staff indicating that the Heritage Registration process has started, the award of \$25,000 towards masonry repairs to Christ Anglican church should not be held back.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter (2008) s.79(1) “The Council may expend money required by the Municipality for... (av) a grant or contribution to:

- (v) any charitable, nursing, medical, athletic, educational, environmental, cultural, community, fraternal, recreational, religious, sporting or social organization within the Province,
- (vii) a registered Canadian charitable organization.

HRM Charter (2008) s.79(2) a grant issued pursuant to s.71(1) shall be publicized in a newspaper in circulation throughout the region.

BACKGROUND

Further to Regional Council’s approval of an award in the amount of \$25,000 towards masonry repairs to the Christ Church cemetery retaining wall “conditional upon heritage planner approval” it has been determined that this site is not a municipally registered property. Planning & Development have

acknowledged the error and are working with the property owner to complete the application process for registration as confirmed in the memorandum included as Attachment 1 of this report.

Notification to the Grants Committee is required because (i) the *Community Grants Program* does not fund cemeteries unless the subject property is a registered heritage site and (ii) the nature of the project is specific to heritage protection, restoration, or historical interpretation.

At their meeting of May 25, 2016, the Grants Committee upheld issuing the award based on an error that was beyond the applicant's immediate control, the probability of heritage registration, and the need to commence a capital project in a timely manner. The committee directed staff to secure written confirmation from Heritage Planning staff that registration as a municipal heritage site was underway and to inform Regional Council through an Information Report.

The purpose of this Information Report is to advise Regional Council of the status of the award to the Corporation of Christ Anglican. Should the Council wish to debate proceeding with the award, the Council may give notice of motion to table this Information Item for debate at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

DISCUSSION

This Information Report fulfils the Grants Committee directive to staff and the applicant has been notified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Memo to HRM Grants Committee from Planning & Development: Application for Registration as a Municipally Registered Heritage Site.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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ATTACHMENT 1



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HRM Grants Committee

FROM: Shilo Gempton, Planner II, Urban Design, Planning and Development

DATE: May 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Request to Register the Christ Church Anglican cemetery (PID 00129973), bounded by Park Avenue, Victoria Road, and Dundas/North Street, Dartmouth, as a Municipal Heritage Property

This memo confirms that Yvonne Delo, Chair of the SPIRIT Committee from the Christ Church Anglican Church, has made a heritage registration application for the Christ Church cemetery (located at PID 00129973).

It is my understanding that this cemetery has historical significance as outlined by the application letter. This information will be verified and the application will follow the registration process as outlined in the *Heritage Property Act*.