

Community Area Rate Business Plan & Budget for 2024/25

Name of Association or Society:	Grand Lake Oakfield Community Society
Registry of Joint Stock Companies ID#:	1266581
Mailing Address of Association or Society:	22 Lakeside Drive, Grand Lake, NS B2T 1B4

	Primary Signing Authority	Secondary Signing Authority
Name & Title:		
Phone number & Email:		

Business Plan & Budget approved at Annual General Meeting held on:	April 10, 2024
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Mission, Description of Services Provided, Accomplishments from Prior Year (include who the services are provided to and the purpose of the area rate)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Children of the community in the afterschool program. . Middle aged and seniors members at the dart leagues who meet once a week for recreation and socialization. . Bar tending helps provide a social atmosphere to the community during functions . All ages looking to wellness through yoga classes held twice a week . Community members can gather at the hall to continue to partake in the social activities such a birthday parties, weddings and other various gatherings. . A place to gather and grieve during funerals for those who pass within and outside the community fundraisers for the people of the community and surrounding areas to come together to support the local community as well as take part in a social fun afternoon. The monies raised continue to pay for prizes for the seniors Christmas party and purchased for the penny auctions. . Seniors enjoy the first Sunday of December where they can gather at the Nola Hines Memorial Seniors Christmas party which is one of the favorites for many in the area. <p>This hall is now focusing on the upgrading of the doors and the heat pumps along with other improvements expected by the community members. The community of Grand Lake/ Oakfield to ensure its continuous safe and secure place.</p>
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What Goals Does Your Organization Plan to Accomplish in the fiscal year?

1.	Upgrading doors as well as walkways for safety
2.	addition of safety bumpers to the fenced baseball field
3.	addition of heat pumps to main hall
4.	interior paint and refinish floors
5.	update window treatments with new fire retardant blinds
6.	hold a community Summer bbq party
7.	grant funding to St Margarets' Church project
8.	

Area Rate Information

Amount of Area Rate:	0.21/\$100
Will the amount of the Area Rate change this fiscal year?	no
If yes, have the majority of homeowners at the AGM voted to approve the change?	
Area subject to Area Rate:	Frenchmans Rd, Oakfield to Laurie Park, Grand Lake
Do you anticipate a surplus or a deficit at the end of this fiscal year and how much?	no
Does the association have active status with the NS Registry of Joint Stocks?	yes
Is the association proposing any new capital projects in the fiscal year?	yes

Requirements for release of annual funds – In order for annual funding to be released an Association must provide HRM staff with a finalized business plan & budget document which has been approved through majority vote at an AGM or special meeting, a copy of the meeting minutes where the business plan & budget were approved, and a copy of the prior year financial statements. The association must have an active status with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks and a signed contribution agreement between HRM and the association must also be in place.

Acceptable use of funds – (for a complete list please review clause 33 of [AO 2019-005-ADM](#))

- community events; accessories including signage, picnic tables, benches, and garbage cans; and community beautification and clean-up
- maintenance of recreation infrastructure
- recreation and leisure costs, including programming and equipment
- establishment and maintenance of seasonal recreation infrastructure
- operation of small, local community centres
- grants to non-profit organizations (subject to the rules and regulations as stated in section 33 (1) (h) of [AO 2019-005-ADM](#))
- construction or enhancement of
 - local recreational infrastructure on municipal land including parks, trails, sport fields, play lawns, playgrounds, landscaping, paths and trails, and related accessories
 - Consider the potential maintenance costs of these items
 - sidewalks outside of the Urban Area as established by Council

General information – If the association requests an increase to the area rate amount or a change to the catchment area to take effect the following fiscal year, it must be communicated clearly in writing to HRM staff by October of the current year at the latest.

- All owners of property subject to the rate shall be eligible for membership in the community organization
- All members of the community organization shall be entitled to vote
- Meetings of the community organization that relate to the rate shall be open to any member of the public

HRM Contact: Arearateinfo@halifax.ca

Link to Administrative Order: [Administrative Order 2019-005-ADM, Respecting the Establishment and Use of Community Area Rates in the Halifax Regional Municipality | Halifax.ca](#)

Itemized Budget for Fiscal Year

Description of Revenue Source	Amount (\$)
Area Rate Revenue to be collected from Property Tax bills:	32,298
Surplus or (deficit) carried forward from prior fiscal year:	56,973
Total Revenues (must equal total expenditures + capital):	\$ 89,271.00

Description of Planned Operating Expenditures	Amount (\$)
Electric	500
Hall Maintenance/ Bar floor restore/ Floor Refinish/ Fresh paint	12,000
Phone/Internet	1,300
Admin/Audit/Accounting	3,200
Licences	1,200
Royal Flush	1,500
Security	400
Playground Repairs/Upgrades/LED light replacement	6,000
Insurance	1,500
Total Operating Expenses (operating + capital must equal total revenues):	\$ 27,600.00

Description of New or Existing Planned Capital/Infrastructure Projects	Amount (\$)
Front Doors Replacement/ New fire retardant window treatment	11,500
New retaining wall & walkway to lower entry (\$17,000)/Ball Field Safety bumpers \$2000	19,000
Heat pumps for main hall	17,000
St Margarets Church project (\$2,000) /Annual Community Corn Boil	3,500
Carry forward for planned capital project Generac generator (warming centre)	10,671
Total Capital/Infrastructure Exp. (operating + capital must equal total revenues):	\$ 89,271.00

Capital Project Information – the inclusion of a newly proposed capital project on this business plan, and its acceptance by HRM does **not** constitute immediate approval of the project. Business plans are not approved by Council. The approval for a proposed capital project will only happen once the following conditions have been met:

- A needs and suitability assessment is fully completed by Parks & Recreation or the appropriate business unit
- A maintenance plan has been considered in collaboration with the appropriate business unit
- Council has approved the project in the Municipality’s capital budget

Parks & Recreation must receive a new capital project proposal by late Spring at the latest, in order to have the required time to evaluate it before September when the capital budget proposal is prepared for the following fiscal year. It is recommended that a dollar figure not be assigned to a newly proposed capital project in the business plan until such time as it has been included in the capital budget; as the assessment may span multiple fiscal years and the project may end up being rejected.