



**Subject:** *Shubenacadie Hall and Grounds Society Insurance*  
**To:** Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee  
**Date Prepared:** November 8, 2021  
**Related Motions:** C21(191), C21(215)  
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### Summary

This report brings forward a request from the Shubenacadie Hall and Grounds Society for funding assistance for Annual Insurance costs. The group has no funds to cover the costs and having previously received funds disbursed in the 2021/2022 fiscal year are not eligible by policy for a new Community Grant until April 1, 2022.

### Financial Impact Statement

Council Budgets \$33,000 in Community Grant funding per year.

Available 2021-2022 Community Grant Program Funds: \$12,575

Insurance Request: \$1,823

### Recommendation

That council approve the insurance funding request from Shubenacadie Hall and Grounds Society for \$1,823 from the 2021-2022 Community Grant Program.

### Recommended Motion

*Move that Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council approve the insurance funding request from the Shubenacadie Hall and Grounds Society for \$1,823 from the 2021-2022 Community Grant Program.*

### Background

The Community Grant Program provides funding to not-for-profit community-based organizations to assist in meeting the principles and goals of Municipal Recreation Services.

Program Objectives:

1. To encourage recreation in a manner consistent with the vision of the current Council approved Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan.
2. To improve quality, quantity and access of community recreation opportunities by financially assisting groups.

Community Grants are assessed under the following categories:

- **New Recreation Initiatives:** Financial assistance may be provided to groups creating new recreational opportunities or expanding existing programs/activities to reach a new/different user group. Funding up to \$250.

- **Recreation Operating:** Financial assistance may be provided to groups seeking aid to offset the costs of program and facility operating expenses to a maximum of \$1,500. Specifically, funding would be considered for;
  - **A. Leadership:** Offset the costs of supplying “qualified” leadership for a community recreation program as well as providing volunteer individuals/groups to attend trainings or motivational events that improve the quality of leadership.
  - **B. Facility Maintenance:** Offset the costs of routine, ongoing maintenance and repair for recreation facilities. Funds may be used in the forms of wages, honorariums, contracts and/or supplies. Insurance including property and general liability.
- **Recreation Programming:** Financial assistance may be provided to groups delivering recreational programs. Aid would be considered for the purchase of equipment (up to \$1,000), expanding existing programs and activities (up to \$500), assist with travel and/or registration fees to attend recreation and sporting events (funding range from \$25 - \$100/person) and assist persons with a disability attending a recreation and/or sporting event (up to \$200).
- **Event Hosting:**
  - Events that encourage Recreational, Leisure or Cultural Programming, Competitions or Season Finale celebrations, Provincial, Regional or National Level Tournaments. Funding up to \$250.
  - Events that celebrate East Hants Community Milestones where a community group or organization is recognizing a significant community heritage or cultural anniversary. Funding up to \$2000 - must be presented and approved by council.
  - Event Insurance: Offset the costs of insurance for parades and/or events that require a Provincial On-Highway Permit. Funding up to \$500.

Not-for-profit and charitable organizations are eligible for one application per year (April 1-Mar 31) in addition to an event hosting grant, unless otherwise stated.

Applications are approved on an as received basis as long as budgeted funding remains for the year.

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## Discussion

Shubenacadie Hall and Grounds Society (Society) contacted the Municipality requesting assistance in funding their 2021-2022 Insurance that expired in November 1, 2021. The group indicated that they have no funds to pay for the 2021-2022 insurance. The current insurance policy payment due for 2021-2022 is \$1,823.

Insurance is eligible under the Recreation Operating category in the Community Grant Program, however, the group already applied this fiscal for their 2020-21 insurance making them ineligible by policy for an application until April 1, 2022, the new fiscal when the Community Grant Program resets.

The Society owns and operates the Shubenacadie River Park located on PID 45096237. The Shubenacadie River Park includes a community hall, softball diamond, community stage and outdoor washrooms, newly installed picnic pavilion, and remnants of an old wading pool, playground and second ball diamond.

In June 2021, the Society submitted a letter of intent to transfer the Hall and Grounds lands and assets to Municipal ownership. This was reviewed at the Regular Meeting of Council in June and requested staff to bring back a report to review the request and prepare a grant application for a revitalization project, motion C21(191).

At the July 20, 2021 regular meeting of Council (Policy), Council moved that upon a successful application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, the Municipality secure title to the property (PID 45096237) from the Shubenacadie Hall and Grounds Society for \$1. Motion C21(215).

Currently, the Community Hall building is leased to a church group who are looking after the operating costs of the building and a volunteer member of the Society kept the grounds mowed for the summer. Since Council motioned C21(215), the Society has not been active or fundraising.

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## Alternatives

Council may look at providing funding through the General Government Grant.

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## Conclusion

The Shubenacadie Hall and Grounds Society is requesting assistance in funding their insurance costs for 2021-2022. Due to Council Motion C21(215) from the letter of intent submitted, the group has not been active and have not been fundraising in anticipation of a successful application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

As per policy, the Society is not eligible for a Community Grant for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as they already received a grant for 2020-2021 insurance in the current fiscal.

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