



**Date:** January 25, 2023  
**To:** Municipal Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Councillor Garden-Cole, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Vice Chairperson  
**RE:** Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting on January 17, 2022 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of this meeting:

1. **BY-LAW F-400-8, AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW F-400 TAX EXEMPTION BY-LAW**

The Municipality of the District of East Hants enacted By-law F-400, a bylaw that exempts non-profit and charitable organizations from paying property tax.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that *Council give first reading to By-law F-400-8, an amendment to By-law F-400, Tax Exemption By-law, and be amended to reflect the following changes:*

- *Remove Property # 01855654, Northfield Community Club*
- *Add Property # 00838918, Lions Memorial Park Society*
- *Update Property Ownership for Property # 04720601 from Upper Nine Mile River Community Hall Association to East Hants Ground Search & Rescue.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. **INSURANCE GRANT**

In December 2022, staff presented a report with updates and recommended policy changes to the Community Grant program. During the review, staff observed that at least 50% or more of the community grants issued over the past three years were for insurance

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that *Council direct staff to prepare a Not-For-Profit Insurance Grant Policy, and remove the requirement for municipal recognition, and that 100% of insurance policy costs up to a maximum of \$1,500, and remove insurance funding from existing municipal grant programs and update applicable policies to be brought back to council.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. **CENTRE RAWDON HALL UPDATE**

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to *Council that staff be authorized to set up another community meeting to meet with the residents of Centre Rawdon to discuss the possible options around the Centre Rawdon Hall.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.