



Date: March 29, 2023
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Rhyno, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chairperson
RE: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting on March 21, 2023 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. TOURISM GRANTS

The Tourism Grant program provides single-year financial support to non-profit community-based organizations whose purpose is to operate a tourism attraction or facility in East Hants with a focus on attracting visitors from local, national and international markets. Four applications were received by the February 28, 2023 deadline. The applications were reviewed by the Staff Grant Review Committee and were all found to be eligible under the Tourism Grant Policy.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council *that the Tourism Grant funding recommendations totaling \$33,900 be approved for the following organizations:*

- *East Hants Historical Society - \$5,000*
- *Maitland District Development Association - \$17,000*
- *Walton Area Development Association - \$3,900*
- *CHArt Society - \$8,000 (with \$800 held back pending completion of Sundial project)*

And that staff release approved funds as confirmation of external funding sources for proposed projects are received from each group.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. DISTRICT RECREATION FUND - JANUARY INTAKE

The District Recreation Funding Program offers annual funding opportunities to groups that provide benefit to the residents of East Hants and provide for the development of programs, activities and infrastructure that encourage active and healthy lifestyles. The first DRF intake closed on January 31, 2023. There were six grant applications and those applications were reviewed by the Staff Grant Committee and evaluated against Council policy.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that *Council approve District Recreation Funding 2023-2024 (intake 1):*

| Applicant | Funding Amount |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Nine Mile River Community Hall | \$ 3,598 |
| District 3 Total: | \$ 3,598 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | \$ 3,598 |

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| Rainbow Community Club | \$ 7,603 |
| District 6 Total: | \$ 7,603 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | \$ 7,603 |
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| Enfield Elmsdale & District Lions Club | \$ 22,602 |
| District 10 Total: | \$ 32,602 |
| District 1 Total: | \$ 10,000 |
| District 2 Total: | \$ 7,398 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | \$ 50,000 |
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| Gore District Volunteer Fire Department | \$ 9,200 |
| District 11 Total: | \$ 8,544 |
| District 11 Rawdon/Gore - Gore 0.01 Total : | \$ 656 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | \$ 9,200 |
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| Totals: | \$ 70,401 |

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

At the October 2022 Council meeting, it was approved to host the event on April 21, 2023 at the Uniacke Legion and will be combined with the Fire Fighter Long Service Awards. Promotion for volunteer nominations began in January 2023 with social media posts, direct communications with community groups via email and inquiries through the office.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council *to approve the Shining Star nominees provided to date and that the confidential Model Volunteer Award nomination forwarded by email to Council be approved and designated to represent the Municipality of East Hants at the 2024 Provincial Volunteer Awards.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. CENTRE RAWDON HALL UPDATE

The Centre Rawdon Hall, while owned and insured by the Municipality, has been operated and maintained by the Centre Rawdon Community Club for approximately 30 years. In October 2022, the hall was extensively damaged after being struck by a vehicle. Upon inspection by a qualified engineer, the building was deemed irreparable. In February, Parks, Recreation and Culture and Corporate Services staff held a community meeting to outline the various options. The community group discussed those options and determined they did not have the capacity to fund or oversee a rebuild and provide the future maintenance costs and preferred a playground/park onsite.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council *to direct staff to move forward with a cash value settlement and hold the funds in a special reserve for playground and park development on the site of the former Centre Rawdon Hall (PID #45149754) with anticipated start date of construction in the summer of 2023 and, that the Centre Rawdon Community Park Development capital*

project #23-022, as attached to the March 21, 2023 Executive Committee agenda, be approved as an additional capital project for 2023-2024.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

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