



Subject: *District Recreation Fund Applications (Intake 1) for 2023*
To: Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
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Related Motions: C22(436)
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Summary

This report brings forward District Recreation Fund (DRF) recommendations for Executive Committee consideration and recommendation to Council.

The first DRF intake closed on January 31, 2023. There were six grant applications received with funds requested totaling \$79,651. The applications were reviewed by the Staff Grant Committee and evaluated against Council policy. Two applications are being deferred to the April deadline to allow more time to for project readiness. Four of the applications meet the policy criteria and have been included in this report.

Council may wish to approve funding from multiple districts where projects benefit facilities and users of facilities that service a large area of the municipality. This report notes under each project where other districts have contributed to previous years projects.

Financial Impact Statement

The available District Recreation Fund for 2023-2024 is \$595,813. In addition, there is \$19,882 remaining in the Gore area rate, \$116,660 in the Mount Uniacke DRF area rate and \$665 in the Shubenacadie Community Fund. This brings the total available funding to \$733,020.

The requests for the first intake totaled \$79,651. The amount being recommended for approval is \$43,003 based on council policy.

Recommendation

That Council approve the funding recommendations for the DRF grant applications based on discussion at committee pending all supporting documents complete.

Recommended Motion

Move that Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council approve District Recreation Funding 2023-2024 (intake 1) based on discussion at committee (motion will have details for council).

Background

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.

District Recreation Funding Program Objectives:

1. Support community-based organizations to maintain and enhance their recreation facilities.
2. Establish criteria which is equitable and consistently applied.
3. Maintain accountability when dispersing public recreation funds.
4. Support the vision and strategies of municipal strategic plans.

Organizations are first eligible for 50% of project costs. If a district's fund does not have ample funding to meet this threshold, the organization may then receive up to 50% of a district's available funds.

In special circumstances, Council may contribute more than 50% of the total project cost or more than 50% of the funds not yet committed in the District Recreation Fund if:

- The applicant is the only organization maintaining a recreation facility in that district;
- There is evidence of significant community support demonstrated by written letters of support from the other eligible organizations;
- The project directly advances municipal plans;
- At the direction of Council.

Applications are reviewed for completeness and adherence to policies and evaluated against alignment with municipal recreation priorities and other applications from the District and Municipality.

Staff evaluate the District Recreation Funds applications and make allocations based on policy. Council may wish to consider combining district funds to help accommodate the funding requests or adjust the allocation amount for a particular project.

2023-2024 District Recreation Funds Allocations:

District	2022-2023 Carry Over	2023-2024 Allocation	2023-2024 Available Funding
1 - Enfield	\$ 36,029	\$ 28,919	\$ 64,948
2 - Elmsdale/Belnan	\$ 63,936	\$ 23,935	\$ 87,871
3 - Milford/ Nine Mile River	\$2,409	\$ 19,135	\$ 21,543
4 - Shubenacadie	\$ 7,296	\$ 9,919	\$ 17,215
5 - Maitland/MacPhees Corner	\$ 39,485	\$ 11,702	\$ 51,187
6 - Walton/Noel/Kennetcook	\$ 8,444	\$ 9,431	\$ 17,876
7 - Lantz/Milford	\$ 24,012	\$ 25,297	\$ 49,309
8 - Mount Uniacke	\$ 60,124	\$ 23,792	\$ 83,916
9 - South/East Uniacke	\$ 63,241	\$ 23,839	\$ 87,080
10 - Enfield/Grand Lake	\$ 18,332	\$ 26,873	\$ 45,204
11 - Rawdon/Gore	\$ 55,335	\$ 14,328	\$ 69,663
3 - Milford/Nine Mile River - Gore 0.01	\$ 8,351		\$ 8,351
5 - Maitland/MacPhees Corner - Gore 0.01	\$ 3,875		\$ 3,875
11 - Rawdon/Gore - Gore 0.01	\$ 7,656		\$ 7,656
Mount Uniacke Additional Rate	\$ 81,325	\$ 35,335	\$ 116,660
Shubenacadie Additional Funds	\$ 665		\$ 665
	\$81,325	\$ 252,505	\$ 733,020

Discussion

The Staff Grant Committee reviewed all six applications against Council’s policy.

Two applications are being deferred to the April deadline to allow more time to for project readiness.

- Lions Memorial Park Society - Washroom Project
- East Gore Community Club - Roofing Project

Each project is described below with a recommendation based on the policy criteria.

DRF Project Descriptions

District 3 - Milford/ Nine Mile River

Funding Available: \$ 21,543

Nine Mile River Community Hall

Project: Solar

Requested DRF Funds: \$3,598

Application Status: Complete

Solar Install \$ 88,598

DRF Recommendation: \$ 3,598 as per motion C22(436)

Note:

- Provincial Funding secured

District 6 - Walton/Noel/Kennetcook

Funding Available: \$ 17,876

Rainbow Community Club

Project: Roof Replacement

Requested DRF Funds: \$7,603

Application Status: Complete

Roof Replacement \$ 30,603

DRF Recommendation: \$7,603 (50% of project expenses as per policy) pending external funding approvals.

Note:

- Applied for Provincial Funding

District 10 - Enfield/Grand Lake

Funding Available: \$ 45,204

Enfield Elmsdale & District Lions Club

Project: Outdoor Pickleball Court

Requested DRF Funds: \$50,000

Application Status: Complete

Land Donation	\$ 20,000
Base Construction	\$ 56,000
Court Surfacing	\$ 19,000
Fencing	\$ 26,752
Nets & Posts	\$ 6,000
HST	<u>\$ 16,162</u>
	\$143,914

DRF Recommendation: \$22,602 (50% of district allocation as per policy) pending external funding approvals.

Shortfall: \$27,398

Note:

- District 1 has contributed to past projects
- Multiple applications for other sources of funding not yet approved
 - Provincial, Mental Health Foundation, CUA Community Investment Grant

District 11 - Rawdon/Gore

Funding Available: \$ 69,663

Gore District Volunteer Fire Department

Project: Furnace Replacement for Community Space

Requested DRF Funds: \$9,200

Application Status: Complete

Furnace Install & Labour \$ 18,400

DRF Recommendation: \$9,200 (50% of eligible expenses as per policy)

Note:

- Also eligible for the Rawdon/Gore \$0.01 funds (\$7,656 available)

Summary based on recommendations based on policy

Applicant	DRF Amount Requested	Dist. Funds Available	Recommendation
Nine Mile River Community Hall	\$3,598		\$3,598
District 3 Total:	\$ 3,598	\$ 21,543	\$3,598
Rainbow Community Club	\$ 7,603		\$ 7,603
District 6 Total:	\$ 7,603	\$ 17,876	\$ 7,603
Enfield Elmsdale & District Lions Club	\$50,000		\$22,602
District 10 Total:	\$50,000	\$45,204	\$22,602
Gore District Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$9,200		\$ 9,200
District 11 Total:	\$ 9,200	\$69,663	\$ 9,200
Totals:	\$70,401		\$43,003

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

District Recreation Fund Program provides capital funding to non-profit community groups who own and operate indoor and outdoor community facilities available to all residents to enjoy. These community groups contribute to a strong community and provide sustainable infrastructure.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Alternatives

Council may wish to approve funding from multiple districts where projects benefit facilities and users of facilities that service a large area of the municipality.

Attachments

N/A