



Date: March 25, 2026
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 10, 2026 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. [2026 VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS AND MODEL VOLUNTEER](#)

The Tourism & Events Supervisor presented the nominees for the 2026 Volunteer Awards and a recommendation for this year's Model Volunteer.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that *Council approve the Volunteer Award nominees and the Model Volunteer as presented in the confidential memo sent to Council by email; and for the Model Volunteer be designated to represent the Municipality of East Hants at the Provincial Volunteer Awards.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. [2026 TOURISM GRANTS](#)

The Tourism & Events Supervisor presented the applications that have been received and made a recommendation on amounts to be awarded.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Committee recommends that *Tourism Grant funding recommendations totaling \$52,500 be approved for the following organizations, with \$12,500 drawn from the Tourism Grant reserve:*

- *Maitland District Development Association - \$19,000*
- *East Hants Historical Society - \$12,500*
- *Come Home East Hants Association (Tide Fest) - \$10,000 toward facility rental costs*
- *Gore Trails - \$6,000*
- *Walton Area Development Association - \$5,000*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. [DISTRICT RECREATION FUND \(DRF\) - 1ST INTAKE](#)

The Community Development Coordinator presented the applications that have been received and made a recommendation on amounts to be awarded. Discussion was held and committee members contributed funds from their districts towards projects to ensure all applications are fully funded.



The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that *Council approve District Recreation Funding in the amount of \$36,500 to the EH Horne School Preservation Society.*

EH Horne School Preservation Society	
District 1	\$10,000
District 2	\$2,000
District 3	\$1,000
District 6	\$1,000
District 7	\$2,500
District 10	\$20,000
Total:	\$36,500

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that *Council approve District Recreation Funds totaling \$170,651 in the following amounts:*

Applicant	Funding Amount
EH Gymnastics & Trampoline Club	
District 1	\$2,000
District 2 *Up to this amount, pending external funding	\$8,003
District 3	\$2,000
District 6	\$1,000
District 7	\$1,000
District 10	\$1,000
Total:	\$15,003
Nine Mile River Trail Association	
District 1	\$2,000
District 2	\$2,000
District 3 *Up to this amount, pending external funding	\$16,860
District 4	\$2,000
District 6	\$1,000
District 7	\$2,500
District 10	\$1,000
Total:	\$27,360
Milford Recreation Association	
District 2	\$2,000
District 3	\$5,000



District 6	\$8,692
District 7	\$2,233
Total:	\$17,925
Uniacke District Home & School	
District 8	\$11,250
District 9	\$11,250
Total:	\$22,500
Uniacke Legion, RCL 165	
District 8	\$10,000
District 9	\$10,000
Total:	\$20,000
Mt. Uniacke Mustangs	
District 8	\$5,277
District 9	\$5,277
Total:	\$10,553
Shubie Canal Commission, Lock 6 Park	
District 1	\$5,000
District 2	\$2,500
District 7	\$2,500
District 10	\$20,000
Total:	\$30,000
Rawdon District Home & School	
District 3	\$2,000
District 11	\$25,310
Total:	\$27,310
TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (including EH Horne School Preservation Society)	
	\$207,151

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

This concludes the report.