

Rural Municipality of Belfast

Mayor: Garth Gillis; Chief Administrative Officer: Bob Brooks; *Incorporated 1972*

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM – Belfast Firehall

In Attendance: Councillor Billy Gamble (Chair) (Voting)
Deputy Mayor Virginia Cooke (Voting)
Councillor Audrey Shillabeer (Voting)
Mayor Garth Gillis (Ex-officio – Voting)
CAO Bob Brooks (Non-Voting)

Item Order of Business

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chair - Councillor Gamble.
2. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – One Committee Member declared a conflict – Councillor Shillabeer is in conflict with Application #6 - Belfast Historical Society, and will be asked to step out during any discussions with that item.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – There were no suggested additional items for the Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Cooke and **Seconded** by Mayor Gillis to approve the Agenda as presented.

Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0

Result: Carried Unanimously

4. **Adoption of February 5, 2020 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes** (previously distributed) (*comments/changes received already incorporated into attached Minutes*)

Moved by Mayor Gillis and **Seconded** by Councillor Cooke to adopt the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0

Result: Carried Unanimously

5. **Business arising from the February 5, 2020 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes** –
 - a. **Recommendation of Grants Committee** – Council received and approved the Grants Committee Recommendation on February 19, 2020; resulting in a Public Call for Submissions; the result of which is on today's Agenda.

6. **Orientation of Committee Proceedings by CAO** – From the Public Call for Applications for the 2020/2021 Community Grants; the Municipality received 14 applications. Application #10 from Pinette Raceway was later Withdrawn, citing that because they received Gas Tax Grant money for this year, they would like to withdraw their application to allow more funds to be available to other groups in the community – the group was thanked for their generosity and community spirit.

The process for today involves:

- a. **Public Presentations** (*by any applicants wishing to highlight their application*)

- b. **Committee moving In-Camera (*deliberations closed to the public*)**
 - i. **Evaluation of each separate application**
 - ii. **Deliberations to determine a Recommendation to Council**
 - c. **Committee moving out of In-Camera (*back into a public meeting*)**
 - d. **Committee moving/approving a Recommendation to Council as to the recommended recipients of the 2020/2021 Community Grants.**
7. **Public Presentations to Committee regarding Community Grants (*5 minutes per application*):** – Only one group made a presentation; Application #11, Point Prim and Area Development Committee – Mr. Brian Gillis. Mr. Gillis talked about last year’s experience with the Mosquito Abatement Program, along with some of the surprises discovered, and some of the hot-spots in the area. Talked about the approximately 80 contributors to the Program and answered Committee questions. The group also asked about the process that would be required if the group were to ask the Municipality to take on the Mosquito Abatement Program as a “Neighbourhood Only Program”. The CAO outlined the process, but reiterated that the process would need to start with a detailed proposal to Council from the group. Council would decide where they wanted to go with it from there.

8. **Motion to move In-Camera (*deliberations closed to the public*):**
- Moved** by Councillor Shillabeer and **Seconded** by Councillor Cooke for Committee to move In-Camera to evaluate and draft a recommendation for Council consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Grant recipients.
 Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0
 Result: Carried Unanimously

9. **Committee In-Camera Deliberations (*no public minutes are taken for in-camera deliberations*)** – Committee reviewed and discussed all the applications and devised a draft recommendation for consideration.

10. **Motion to move Out of In-Camera (*back into a public meeting*):**
- Moved** by Councillor Cooke and **Seconded** by Mayor Gillis for Committee to move Out of In-Camera to present and move a recommendation for Council consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Grant recipients.
 Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0
 Result: Carried Unanimously

11. **Community Grants Committee - Recommendation to Council:**
- Upon consideration of the 13 active applications presented to Committee; the funds allocated last year; and in consideration of new Assessments dollars available to the Municipality (as received by the Province on February 20, 2020); the Committee recommends the following two Recommendations to Council for consideration:

Moved by Councillor Shillabeer and **Seconded** by Councillor Cooke that:

- A. That Council approve the following recipients/amounts for the 2020/2021 Community Grants Program:

1. Belfast Rural Fire Department (Fire Protection Grant)	\$90,000
2. Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	\$8,500
○ Sub-Total	\$98,500

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3. Belfast Rec Centre (Community Grant)	\$26,500
4. Belfast Area Watershed Group (Community Grant)	\$3,855
5. Belfast Days (Community Grant)	\$3,000
6. Belfast Historical Society (Community Grant)	\$5,000
7. Belfast Minor Hockey (Community Grant)	\$3,000
8. Belfast Minor Soccer (Community Grant)	\$500
9. Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program (Community Grant)	\$750
10. Pinette Raceway – Withdrawn for this year	
11. Point Prim and Area Mosquito Program (Com. Grant)	\$1,000
12. Point Prim Lighthouse (Community Grant)	\$3,000
13. Wood Islands and Area Dev. Corp. (WIADC) (Com. Grant)	\$7,000
14. WIADC Lighthouse (Community Grant)	\$3,000
○ Sub-Total	\$56,605
○ Total funds for 2020/2021 Community Grants	<u>\$155,105</u>

and

- B. That Council review the Community Grants Program Policy, prior to the 2021/2022 Grants Season; specifically, to consider whether it is appropriate to continue to include: Mosquito Abatement Programs, within the Community Grant Program Mandate.

Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0

Result: Carried Unanimously

12. **Next Meetings:**

- Regular Council Meeting** – the next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Belfast Firehall.
- Community Grants Committee Meeting** – not expected to meet again until some time in early 2021. As a result, the Minutes from this meeting will be scheduled to be approved at the March 18, 2020 Council Meeting.

13. **Adjournment** – as there is no further items for the Agenda...

Moved by Councillor Cooke to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM.

Minutes Approved on: June 17, 2020

Signature and Seal on File
Chair – Councillor Gamble

Signature and Seal on File
CAO – Bob Brooks