

Rural Municipality of Belfast

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

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM – Wood Islands Village – Municipal Office

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

Item Order of Business

1. **Call to Order** – Councillor Billy Gamble (Chair), called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. **Covid-19 Restrictions** – Current health restrictions in relation to the size of the meeting room, limits occupancy of this meeting room to **12 attendees** (4 Committee and 8 Public)
3. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – Do any Committee members in attendance have a conflict of interest with any items on today's Agenda? – There were **NO** declarations of conflict.
4. **Approval of Agenda** – Are there any other suggested Agenda Items? – There were **NO** additional items.

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

Votes for: 3 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously**

5. **Business arising from the 2020/2021 Community Grants Program** –
 - a. **March 11, 2020 Minutes** – Approved during the June 17, 2020 Council Meeting.
 - b. **2020/21 Community Grants Program Uptake** – With 14 approved applications, Council awarded \$155,105 in 2020/21 (up from \$149,590 in the 2019/20 Grant Year).
 - c. **2021/22 Community Grants Program Uptake** – On January 20, 2021, Council confirmed that the 2021/22 Community Grants, would follow the same process as the previous year.
6. **Orientation of Committee Proceedings by CAO** – As a result of the Public Call for Proposals for the 2021/22 Community Grants; Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB) received 15 applications. Application #11 from Pinette Raceway however, decided to withdraw from the Program again this year (receiving Gas Tax Funding), but will apply again for next year's Grants Program. Thankyou to the Group for their generous community spirit. The CAO also noted that RMB will be in a Surplus position at the end of this fiscal year (2020/21) (\$45,000 in Reserve Acct, and \$80,000 + in Cash Flow Surplus), should Committee wish to consider those funds, during deliberations. A complete package of all applications, a summary sheet, and an evaluation tool, were provided for deliberations. The process for today involves:
 - a. **Public Presentations** (*if any*)
 - 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 for the 2021/2022 Community Grants Program.**

7. **Public Presentations to Committee regarding Community Grants (5 minutes per application):** – No applicants asked for an additional presentation to Committee.

8. **Motion to move In-Camera (deliberations closed to the public):**

Moved by Chair Gamble and **Seconded** by Deputy Mayor Cooke for Committee to move In-Camera to evaluate and draft a recommendation for Council consideration of the 2021/2022 Community Grants Program recipients.

Votes for: 3 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously**

9. **Committee In-Camera Deliberations (no public minutes taken for in-camera deliberations)**

10. **Motion to move Out of In-Camera (back into a public meeting):**

Moved by Deputy Mayor 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 2021/2022 Community Grants Program recipients.

Votes for: 3 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously**

11. **Community Grants Committee - Recommendation to Council:**

Moved by Mayor Gillis and **Seconded** by Deputy Mayor Cooke that the Community Grants Committee recommends that Council consider and adopt the following recipients/amounts for the 2021/2022 Community Grants Program:

1) Belfast Rural Fire Department (<i>Fire Protection Grant</i>)	90,000
2) Belfast Rec Centre (<i>GPEI Rink Grant</i>)	8,500
3) Belfast Rec Centre (<i>Operations</i>)	26,500
4) Belfast Rec Centre (<i>Automatic Generator</i>) (<i>one-time</i>)	21,500*
* <i>Conditional on receiving Provincial Matching Grant</i>	
5) Belfast Area Watershed Group	3,900
6) Belfast Days	3,000
7) Belfast Historical Society	7,000
8) Belfast Minor Hockey	3,000
9) Belfast Minor Soccer	500
10) Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program	1,000
11) Pinette Raceway (<i>Withdrawn</i>)	0
12) Point Prim and Area Mosquito Program	1,500
13) Point Prim Lighthouse	3,000
14) Wood Islands and Area Dev. Corp. (<i>Village Operations</i>)	8,000
15) Wood Islands Lighthouse	3,000
o Total funds for 2021/2022 Community Grants Program	\$180,400

Votes for: 3 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously**

12. **Next Meetings:**

- Regular Council Meeting** – next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Wood Islands Village – Upstairs Meeting Hall.
- Community Grants Committee Meeting** – not expected to meet again until early 2022. These Minutes will be scheduled for approval at the March 17, 2021 Council Meeting.

13. **Adjournment** – as there were no further items, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Mayor Gillis to adjourn the meeting at **8:50 PM.**

Minutes Approved on **March 17, 2021**

Signed and Sealed on File
Committee Chair Billy Gamble

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CAO Bob Brooks