



Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)

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

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Upper Meeting Hall, Wood Islands Market

Committee:	Chair - Councillor Billy Gamble (Voting)	
	Mayor Garth Gillis (Ex-Officio - Voting)	
	Councillor Katherine Bryson (Voting)	
	Councillor James Kinnee (Voting)	
Administration:	CAO Bob Brooks (Non-Voting)	Ashley Feschuk (Non-Voting)
Public:	Mark Booth (BCDC)	Evan Nobles (Grant Applicant)

Item Order of Business

- 1. Call to Order** – Council meeting was called to order by Chairperson – Councillor Billy Gamble at 7:00pm.
- 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – No Committee members in attendance declared a conflict of interest with any of the items on today’s Agenda.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Moved by Mayor Gillis and seconded by Councillor Bryson to adopt the agenda as presented.
Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously
- 4. Adoption of the January 11, 2023 Community Grants Committee Meeting Minutes**
Moved by Mayor Gillis and seconded by Councillor Bryson to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2023 Community Grants Committee Meeting as presented.
Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0 Result: Carried Unanimously
- 5. No Business arising from January 11, 2023 Community Grants Committee Mtg Minutes**
- 6. Orientation of Committee Proceedings by CAO** – As a result of the Public Call for Proposals for the 23/24 Community Grants Program; RMB received 22 applications.

The process for today involves:

- a. Public Presentations**
- b. Committee moving In-Camera** (*deliberations are confidential, closed to the public, and no minutes are taken*)
 - i. Evaluation of each separate application**
 - ii. Deliberations by Committee to determine a Recommendation(s) to Council**
- c. Committee moving out of In-Camera** (*back into a public forum*)
- d. Committee moving/approving a Recommendation(s) to Council as to the recipients for the 23/24 Community Grants Program.**

7. **Public Presentations of Grant Applications (if any) –**
Mark Booth from Belfast Community Development Corporation (BCDC), gave Committee an update on the Croft House as it relates to the Belfast Historical Society (BHS). BCDC met with BHS and has worked out a lease plus land arrangement for the immediate future. Both parties are still in negotiations for a more permanent arrangement - talks are going well. There was no information that Mr. Booth was able to provide on the BHS application regarding the proposed trail.
8. **Motion to move In-Camera – (*Committee moves into confidential negotiations that are closed to the public and where no minutes are taken*):**

**Moved by Councillor Bryson and seconded by Mayor Gillis for Committee to move In-Camera to evaluate and draft a recommendation(s) for Council consideration of the 23/24 Community Grants Program recipients.
Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously****
9. **Committee In-Camera Deliberations...**
10. **Motion to move Out of In-Camera:**
Moved by Mayor Gillis and seconded by Councillor Bryson for Committee to move out of In-Camera, to allow a late presenter the chance to speak on his project.
Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously**
11. **Additional Public Presentation –**
Evan Nobles gave some highlights about his application for a Belfast Public Trail; about it being free to the public; and about the devastation on the Disc Golf operation due to Fiona. Mr. Nobles also provided Committee with answers to questions.
12. **Motion to move back into In-Camera:**

**Moved by Councillor Bryson and seconded by Councillor Kinnee for Committee to move back into In-Camera to resume deliberations.
Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously****
13. **Committee Resumed In-Camera Deliberations...**
14. **Motion to move Out of In-Camera (*back into a public meeting*):**

**Moved by Mayor Gillis and seconded by Councillor Bryson for Committee to move out of In-Camera to present and move two recommendations for Council consideration of the 23/24 Community Grants Program recipients.
Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously****
15. **Community Grants Committee – Recommendations to Council:**

Following the deliberations of the Community Grants Committee regarding the 23/24 Community Grants Program allocations; Committee Members recommend the following recommendations for Council consideration:

(1) Recommended Grant Allocations as follows (Tally Sheet Attached):

1. Belfast Rural Fire Department	\$110,000.
2. Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	8,500.
3. Belfast Rec Centre (Operations)	26,500.
4. Belfast Rec Centre (Warming Centre) (One-Time Grant)	11,600.
5. Belfast Public Trails	0.
6. Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG)	5,500.
7. Belfast Days	3,500.
8. Belfast Historical Society	4,000.
9. Belfast Historical Society (Walking Trail)	0.
10. Belfast Minor Hockey	3,000.
11. Community Yoga and Wellness	1,000.
12. Horses 101 – Learning all about horses!	1,200.
13. Mizpah Lodge Restoration	0.
14. Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Control Program	0.
15. Pinette Raceway Inc.	2,000.
16. Polly Pioneer Cemetery (One-Time Grant)	1,500.
17. Point Prim Community Movie	0.
18. Point Prim Lighthouse Society	3,000.
19. The Lupin House	0.
20. Vernon River/Belfast Community Pantry	2,300.
21. Wood Islands Market (Operations-WIADC)	10,000.
22. Wood Islands Lighthouse	3,000.

Grand Total **\$196,600.**

(2) Recommended Caveat on Community Grant Allocations:

The Community Grants Committee is recommending that any organization receiving a Community Grant, from this point forward; be required to produce a Summary Report on how the awarded Community Grants Funds were utilized. Any group who does not provide such report, will not be eligible for a future Community Grant.

Moved by **Mayor Gillis** and **seconded** by **Councillor Bryson** to approve the two recommendations, as presented above, by the Community Grants Committee, and present the recommendations for Council consideration on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7pm.

Votes for: 4 Votes against: 0 Result: **Carried Unanimously**

It should also be noted that Committee Members requested that future Grant Applications be enhanced to ask for a breakdown of how the grant money is to be spent. Administration will make that enhancement; to be included in future applications.

16. **New Business for the Agenda** – There was no new business to add to the agenda for today.

17. **Next Meetings:**
- a. **Regular Council Meeting** – the next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00pm - Upstairs Hall, Wood Islands Market.
 - b. **Community Grants Committee Meeting** – there are no further meetings of the Committee scheduled at this time; consequently, the Minutes of the March 8th Committee Meeting will be approved during the March 15th Council Meeting.
18. **Adjournment** – As there is no further business...

Moved by: Councillor Bryson to adjourn the meeting at: 9:11pm.

Ashley/Bob

Minutes Approved On: _____

Chair – Councillor Billy Gamble

CAO – Bob Brooks

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