



Committee Report

Grants and Donations Committee

Meeting Date: June 17, 2022
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Grants and Donations Committee Recommendations

NOTE: The following is a recommendation from the Grants and Donations Committee to be considered for adoption by Council

- [Receive Minutes \(June 17, 2022\)](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the June 17, 2022 Special Grants and Donations Committee minutes, as attached, for information purposes.

C.1 Jackie Stewart and Linda Wykes Re: Blue Mountain Legacy Fund Request for Support

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive the June 17, 2022 Special Grants and Donations Committee recommendation as follows:

WHEREAS the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund is a registered charitable organization through the Canada Revenue Agency;

AND WHEREAS the Grants and Donations Committee has determined that setting up a Town Foundation would be duplicating the existing efforts of the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Grants and Donations Committee and the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund intend to work in partnership with one another for the benefit of the community;

AND WHEREAS the Grants and Donations Committee is needed to continue to host and organize fundraising events for the benefit of the community the Committee endorses the continued operation of the Grants and Donations Committee as it is currently structured;

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives Item D.1. and endorses the use of funds set aside by the Town to set up a Grants and Donations Foundation to be invested through the Blue Mountains Legacy Fund for the purposes of reaching the minimum contribution level required to generate investment with the Community Foundation Grey Bruce;

AND THAT the Committee requests that Council direct staff to prepare a staff report for the continued operation of the Grants and Donations Committee and a Memorandum of

Understanding between the Town's Grants and Donations Committee and the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund contingent on a permanent tie with the Grants and Donations Committee, CARRIED.

AND THAT Council direct staff to prepare a staff report for the continued operation of the Grants and Donations Committee and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town's Grants and Donations Committee and the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund contingent on a permanent tie with the Grants and Donations Committee.

D.1.1 Thornbury Rotary Turkey Trot 2022

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive the June 17, 2022 Special Grants and Donations Committee recommendation as follows:

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives Item D.1.1 for information and supports the Thornbury Rotary's request to the Town for a funding request of \$3,000 to help offset the cost of the OPP fees, for marketing and promotion and the request of subsidizing the Beaver Valley Community Centre rental fee of \$750.00 for the 2022 Turkey Trot, CARRIED.



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Special Grants and Donations Committee

Date: June 17, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by:
Kyra Dunlop, Deputy Clerk

Members Present: Michael Caron, Caroline Harbinson, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon
Members Absent: Councillor Andrea Matrosovs and Jackie Stewart
Staff Present: Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Committee Member Attendance

Deputy Mayor Bordignon called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with all members in attendance except Jackie Stewart and Councillor Matrosovs who sent their regrets.

Town staff present was Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons. Director of Finance and IT Services/Treasurer Ruth Prince sent her regrets.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Caroline Harbinson

THAT the Agenda of June 17, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item D.1.1 Thornbury Rotary Turkey Trot 2022.

Yay (5): Michael Caron, Caroline Harbinson, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Bordignon

Absent (2): Councillor Matrosovs, and Jackie Stewart

The motion is Carried (5 to 0, 2 absent)

A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2021-76, Grants and Donations Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

B. Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2021-76 fifteen minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Grants and Donations Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

NOTE: Committee meetings are taking place virtually to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19. Comments received from the public that have not been included on the Agenda will be read at the meeting by the Executive Assistant.

None

C. Correspondence

C.1 Jackie Stewart and Linda Wykes Re: Blue Mountain Legacy Fund Request for Support

Note: This item referred to the Grants and Donations Committee by Council at the June 6, 2022 Council Meeting.

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the May 26, 2022 correspondence from the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund regarding request for support;

AND THAT Council refers the request to the Grants and Donations Committee for a report back to Council, in consultation with staff;

AND THAT Council approves the scheduling of a Grants and Donations Committee Meeting, solely for the consideration of this matter, CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Bordignon provided an overview of the resolution passed at the June 6, 2022 Council meeting and provided an overview of the correspondence referred to the Committee.

Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that the Committee had previously considered whether it was worthwhile to set up another registered charitable foundation as it would duplicate the efforts of the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund set up by Jackie Stewart and Linda Wykes. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that the Town Grants and Donations Committee was still needed regardless of a local foundation being set up to ensure that funding could be provided to local community groups that were not registered charities and to continue with fundraising events. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that Town staff were reviewing the option of completing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town Grants and Donations Committee and the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund to work as partners on fundraising events. Deputy Mayor Bordignon asked if the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund has received Canada Revenue Agency registered status, which Linda confirmed that they had.

Caroline Harbinson asked if the Grants and Donations Committee would still have full determination over where money raised from Committee-led events would be awarded. Linda advised that the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund invested funding received with the Community Foundation Grey Bruce and that the purpose of the fund was to generate funding through money invested rather than always having to fundraise to distribute to community groups. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that the Committee would still have the authority to award funds to local community groups and other charities from the money raised by the Committee.

The Committee discussed the need to meet again to do a call-out to community groups for requests for funding.

Marc Anthony Venere asked if the money raised through the Committee-led fundraising events would be tracked as two different revenue streams, one being geared towards deriving returns from capital and the second stream as a vehicle for large donations to be earmarked to go back to the Town in some manner, or if large donations would be used to achieve the goal of the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund reaching the \$1 million dollar contribution to generate a 4% return on the investment. Linda noted that any initiatives from Committee-raised funds, less expenses, would be given back to the Town. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund was more of an administrative vehicle for the Committee to partner with for large donations and bequeathments.

Michael Caron left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Marc asked if there was someone in the foundation who would be drawing administration fees. Linda advised that based on an 8% return from the Community Foundation Grey Bruce that 2% of the income earned remained in the account, that 2% was dispersed between the Community Foundation Grey Bruce, the Community Foundation and the Investment Firm, and that a total of 4% would be available to be dispersed. Linda advised that as the fund generated more revenue that the Community Foundation Grey Bruce fees reduced. Linda advised that the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund would have to set up its own Board if it was not investing with Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

Deputy Mayor Bordignon thanked everyone for their discussion and consideration of the referred correspondence.

Moved by: Caroline Harbinson

Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

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AND WHEREAS the Grants and Donations Committee has determined that setting up a Town Foundation would be duplicating the existing efforts of the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Grants and Donations Committee and the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund intend to work in partnership with one another for the benefit of the community;

AND WHEREAS the Grants and Donations Committee is needed to continue to host and organize fundraising events for the benefit of the community the Committee endorses the continued operation of the Grants and Donations Committee as it is currently structured;

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives Item D.1. and endorses the use of funds set aside by the Town to set up a Grants and Donations Foundation to be invested through the Blue Mountains Legacy Fund for the purposes of reaching the minimum contribution level required to generate investment with the Community Foundation Grey Bruce;

AND THAT the Committee requests that Council direct staff to prepare a staff report for the continued operation of the Grants and Donations Committee and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town's Grants and Donations Committee and the Blue Mountain Legacy Fund contingent on a permanent tie with the Grants and Donations Committee.

Yay (4): Caroline Harbinson, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Bordignon

Absent (3): Councillor Matrosovs, Michael Caron, and Jackie Stewart

The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 3 absent)

D. New and Unfinished Business

D.1 Additions to Agenda

D.1.1 Thornbury Rotary Turkey Trot 2022

Deputy Mayor Bordignon provided an overview of the correspondence and noted that it was a time-sensitive request.

Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons noted that the Thornbury Rotary had also requested for a subsidy from the Town for the fees associated with using the Beaver Valley Community Centre to a total of \$3,000, which would include having police officers present to maintain safety for the busy event and to also help with fees associated with marketing the event. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that he saw the future of the Committee as being more involved in partnerships with local organizations to host these types of events and that it would also help the Committee as the membership would have outside help to raise funds. Marc Anthony Venere asked where the funds generated from the Turkey Trot would be spent. Ryan noted that the Thornbury Rotary did a lot in the community and had helped raise money to support construction of the community centre, arena, pavilions and parks.

Ryan left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Moved by: Marc Anthony Venere

Seconded by: Linda Wykes

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a funding request of \$3,000 to help offset the cost of the OPP fees, for marketing and promotion and the request of subsidizing the Beaver Valley Community Centre rental fee of \$750.00 for the 2022 Turkey Trot.

Yay (4): Caroline Harbinson, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Bordignon

Absent (3): Councillor Matrosovs, Michael Caron, and Jackie Stewart

The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 3 absent)

D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

None

E. Notice of Meeting Dates

None

Moved by: Linda Wykes

Seconded by: Caroline Harbinson

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee acknowledges that the Minutes of June 17, 2022 will be circulated by email for Committee Member comment and approval and will be considered by Council at the next possible Committee of the Whole.

Yay (4): Caroline Harbinson, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Bordignon

Absent (3): Councillor Matrosovs, Michael Caron, and Jackie Stewart

The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 3 absent)

F. Adjournment

Moved by: Caroline Harbinson

Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee does now adjourn at 10:59 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (4): Caroline Harbinson, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Bordignon

Absent (3): Councillor Matrosovs, Michael Caron, and Jackie Stewart

The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 3 absent)