



Committee Report

Grants and Donations Committee Report

Meeting Date: August 4, 2022
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.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 (August 4, 2022)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the August 4, 2022, Special Grants and Donations Committee minutes, as attached, for information purposes.

C.1 Events For Life Request for Events for Life to be a Mandatory Component of the Campus of Care Project

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of Town of The Blue Mountains receive the Special Grants and Donations Committee recommendation dated August 4, 2022 as follows:

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives Item C.1. for information;

AND THAT the Committee recommends that Council waive 12 months rent for Events For Life operations at the Beaver Valley Community Centre Snack Bar commencing September 1, 2022, carried.

Note: D.1.1 Lobsterfest Operations and Fiscal Update was considered at the August 18, 2022, Council meeting.



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Special Grants and Donations Committee

Date: August 4, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by:
Carrie Fairley, Executive Assistant to Committees of Council

Members Present: Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Michael Caron, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon,

Caroline Harbinson, and Jackie Stewart.

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Deputy Clerk Kyra Dunlop

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 Peter Bordignon called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with all members in attendance except for Caroline Harbinson and Jackie Stewart who both send their regrets.

Town staff present were Director of Finance and IT Services, Ruth Prince and Kyra Dunlop, Deputy Clerk.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Councillor Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Agenda of August 4, 2022, be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item D.1.1 Lobsterfest Operational and Fiscal Update.

Yay (5): Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Michael Caron, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon

Absent (2): Caroline Harbinson, 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.

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. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Events For Life Request for Events for Life to be a Mandatory Component of the Campus of Care Project

Note: This deputation was referred by Council to the Grants and Donations Committee further to the following Council resolution on July 4, 2022:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Kevin Whyte regarding his request that Events For Life be a mandatory component of the Campus of Care Project and refers the request for support including offsetting the leasing cost of the Snack Bar at the Beaver Valley Community Centre and the Cafe at The Gateway Project to the Grants and Donations Committee for consideration and recommendations back to Council;

AND THAT Council assist in finding support and funding to offset the market rates and help families secure units at the Gateway Project at 171 King Street and future Attainable Housing locations;

AND THAT Council support Events For Life to become a higher elevated priority component of the Campus of Care project;

AND THAT Council direct staff to expand the reach of their knowledge of Events For Life work to other municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Bordignon provided an overview of the Motion passed at the Council meeting on July 4, 2022, and the requests made by Events for Life.

The Committee discussed if and how to support Events for Life regarding their request for assistance in the cost to lease the snack shack at the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

Michael Caron asked the Committee if the request from Events For Life was for the Committee's help to seek sponsors on their behalf or for the Committee to be a sponsor. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that Events for Life would be grateful with any help they can get. Deputy Mayor Bordignon further noted that this is a new pilot project Events For Life wants to tackle and that the Committee could assist in looking for other sponsors. Councillor Matrosovs' noted that it is a great opportunity to support the mandate of Events For Life.

Deputy Mayor Bordignon asked Director Ruth Prince if she could provide the normal rental fee for the snack bar at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. Director Prince noted that she did not have that information but advised that Council could agree to waive the rental fee. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that Events For Life were looking for approximately \$5000 to help off-set the set-up costs. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that the operation of the snack bar at the Beaver Valley Community Centre is a pilot project and is additional programming to what Events For Life currently offer.

Marc Anthony asked the Committee for more clarification as to what the funds that Events For Life is requesting, will be used for. The Committee discussed the various options that the money could be used for. Michael Caron asked the Committee why Events For Life is asking for support this way and not the normal process. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that Events For Life wants to expand

and, Council has more options to help outside of the Grants and Donations Committee.

Director Prince noted that 2022 was a unique year as the Town has not been able to hold any fundraising in order to have a Grants and Donations call-out yet this year so the Town encouraged Events For Life to go to Council to make their requests until the Town had money to complete a call-out. Marc Anthony Venere asked Director Prince if the Town typically provides regular donations to Events For Life. Director Prince advised that the Town does, through the Grants and Donations program and is approximately \$5000 but because the Town has not been able to do the call-out they have not received that money. Marc Anthony noted his support for this program but wanted to make sure that if the Committee does help Events For Life by waiving the snack bar rental fee that it does not effect them receiving further donations from this Committee. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that the direction to the Grants and Donations Committee was not to help look for philanthropy but to look at what the Town can do, it is not a specific ask for the Committee. He further noted that the ask of this Committee is to look at helping Events For Life with the snack bar.

Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that The Gateway Project at 171 King St will be a while longer until completed and that portion of the ask from Events For Life will have to be looked at later in the year or earlier next year. The Committee discussed their support for waiving the rental fee for the snack bar and agreed that the tuck shop at The Gateway Project should be discussed at a later date.

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Linda Wykes

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives Item C.1. for information;

AND THAT the Committee recommends that Council waive 12 months rent for Events For Life operations at the Beaver Valley Community Centre Snack Bar commencing September 1, 2022.

Yay (5): Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Michael Caron, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon

Absent (2): Caroline Harbinson, and Jackie Stewart

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

D. New and Unfinished Business

D.1 Additions to Agenda

D.1.1 Lobsterfest Operations and Fiscal Update

Moved by: Councillor Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee requests that Council direct staff to proceed with a Call Out For Applications;

AND THAT due to its time-sensitive nature that this recommendation be considered at the August 9, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Yay (5): Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Michael Caron, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon

Absent (2): Caroline Harbinson, and Jackie Stewart

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

D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

E. Notice of Meeting Dates

At the Call of the Chair.

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Linda Wykes

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee acknowledges that the Minutes of August 4, 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 (5): Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Michael Caron, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon

Absent (2): Caroline Harbinson, and Jackie Stewart

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

F. Adjournment

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Councillor Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee does now adjourn at 2:01 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (5): Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Michael Caron, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, and Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon

Absent (2): Caroline Harbinson, and Jackie Stewart

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