



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Grants and Donations Advisory Committee

Date: October 19, 2023
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting, Teams
Prepared By:
Carrie Fairley, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere
Staff Present: Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Acting Director of Finance Sam Dinsmore, Administrative Assistant Tracy Nowak

A. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. with all members present, virtually.

Michael Caron left the meeting at 3:14 pm.

Marc Anthony Venere left the meeting at 3:35 pm.

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement and Moment of Reflection

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 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Michael Caron
Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

THAT the Agenda of October 19, 2023, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (5): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, and Marc Anthony Venere

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

A.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, Council or Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

A.4 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Jackie Stewart

Seconded by: Michael Caron

THAT the Grants and Donations Advisory Committee minutes of June 16, 2023, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (5): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, and Marc Anthony Venere

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 2023 Grants and Donations Applications, FAF.23.153

The Deputy Mayor provided some background information on the fundraising efforts in the past and background on how the Committee was formed.

Acting Director of Finance, Sam Dinsmore introduced himself to the Committee and provided a brief overview of Staff Report FAF.23.153, entitled 2023 Grants and Donations Applications and provided information to the Committee on the amount of money that was available for donations.

Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that the Clarksburg Village Association will be removing the ask for \$8,000 through this committee as it is being requested through another committee, the Economic Development Advisory Committee, or the Economic Development Department.

Director Gibbons provided information to the Committee on how the subsidy requests work through the Community Services Department noting the groups will come forward to off set the costs of a rental fee at a Town facility, being a park, pavilion, or hall, generally for an event.

The Committee discussed the request from the Lion's Club, which was noted in the application as funding needed for a new trailer. The Committee discussed and agreed that capital spending was not in the purview of this Committee.

The Committee discussed each application and the cash and subsidy requests contained in the applications noting that the "asks" total \$88,000 and there is \$48,000 in funds available.

Moved by: Brandon Lapstra
Seconded by: Jackie Stewart

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receive Staff Report FAF.23.153, entitled
“2023 Grants and Donations Applications;”

AND THAT the Grants and Donations Committee make recommendations to Council to
authorize the funding of these applications:

Group/Organization	Cash Amount	Subsidy Amount
Beaver Valley Agricultural Society	\$900	\$4,640
Beaver Valley Outreach		\$11,820
Big Canoe Project	\$700	\$90
Blue Mountain Curling Centre		\$1,356
Blue Mountains Historical Society	\$1,000	
Breaking Down Barriers and Independent Living Centre	\$1,500	
Climate Action Now Network (TBM)	\$1,500	
Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce	\$500	
Elora Environment Centre – Tree Trust	\$2,000	
Escarpment Corridor Alliance	\$500	
Events for Life	\$5,000	
Georgian Bay Forever	\$500	
Georgian Triangle Anglers Association	\$500	
Golden Beavers		\$3,100
Grey Bruce Hospice	\$1,000	
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority/Beaver River Watershed Initiative	\$1,500	
Home Horizon Georgian Triangle Residential Services	\$1,500	
Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation	\$2,000	
Living Better with Parkinsons	\$1,000	

Magic of Children in the Arts	\$600	
Marsh Street Centre	\$2,000	
Music in the Park	\$2,500	\$1,700
My Friends House	\$1,500	
Ontario Track 3 Adaptive Sports Association	\$2,500	
Pollinate TBM	\$500	
Rotary Club of Thornbury Clarksburg	\$4,000	
St. George's The Parish of The Blue Mountains	\$2,500	
St. John Ambulance Grey Bruce	\$500	
Theatre Collingwood Association	\$500	
Total:	\$38,700	\$22,706

Yay (3): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Brandon Lapstra, and Jackie Stewart

Absent (2): Michael Caron, and Marc Anthony Venere

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

C. Public Comment Period

None.

D. Matters for Discussion

D.1 Follow-up Direction from Council

None

D.2 Fundraising Ideas

The Committee discussed hosting Lobsterfest, potentially a gala and a lottery.

Member Lapstra noted that the lottery may be the best route to not step on toes of other fundraising efforts in the Town. The Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that galas are a good way to raise funds and noted that the Town is not able to host a lottery, so we would have to utilize the not-for-profit organization that Member Stewart is a part of, for the endowment fund. Deputy Mayor Bordignon noted that he will speak to Town staff and will work with Member Stewart's foundation to see what we can do. Member Stewart noted that lotteries are tough to organize, and you require a lot of people to raise enough money and she further noted that Owen Sound stopped holding lotteries as they were losing money.

The Committee discussed hosting Lobsterfest and briefly discussed the options of having it at Bayview Park, where there can be a lot of people accommodated outside or would it be better to only offer take-out, or a hybrid of both. Deputy Mayor noted that this event would have to be at the end of May or beginning of June, before the Fish Fry at St. George's Church and in order to have fresh lobster at a reasonable price. Member Stewart noted her support for Lobsterfest and further noted that it is ran by volunteers, costs were low and is a popular event with residents of the Town.

Member Stewart spoke regarding the gala noting that her idea is to host it at Town Hall and call it "Dinner on the Town", with a long table set up. Member Stewart further noted that it does not have to be a black-tie event, it can be casual dress as well. Member Stewart further suggested using local chefs and restaurants which would allow the local restaurants to show their culinary skills. The Deputy Mayor suggested creating a sub-committee for this specific event and can discuss ideas, what we can do and where we can do it.

The Committee discussed penciling in the date of June 1, 2024, for Lobsterfest.

D.3 Adding Another Council Member to the Grants and Donations Committee

Moved by: Jackie Stewart

Seconded by: Brandon Lapstra

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee requests Council to amend the Terms of Reference to allow for up to two Council members on this committee.

Yay (3): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Brandon Lapstra, and Jackie Stewart

Absent (2): Michael Caron, and Marc Anthony Venere

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)

E. Correspondence

None.

F. New and Unfinished Business

F.1 Additions to Agenda

None

F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Lobsterfest – June 1, 2024

Discussion on another event – possibly a gala

Follow-up to what went through Council regarding the funding of the applications.

Follow-up on from staff regarding the outstanding questions from October 19, 2023, Grants and Donations meeting.

G. Notice of Meeting Dates

The Executive Assistant Committees of Council will canvass dates with the Committee Members for the next meeting.

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Jackie Stewart

Seconded by: Brandon Lapstra

THAT this Grants and Donations Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 4:01 p.m. to meet at the call of the Chair, virtually, or at the call of the Chair.

Yay (3): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Brandon Lapstra, and Jackie Stewart

Absent (2): Michael Caron, and Marc Anthony Venere

The motion is Carried (3 to 0)