



Minutes

The Blue Mountains

Grants and Donations Advisory Committee

Date: March 22, 2024
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, Shawn McKinlay

A. Call to Order

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 Committee Member Attendance

Chair Bordignon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Executive Assistant Committees of Council, Carrie Fairley noted all committee members were in attendance, virtually save and except for Member Venere.

Member Venere joined the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Shawn McKinlay
Seconded by: Jackie Stewart

THAT the Agenda of March 22, 2024, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (5): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, and Shawn McKinlay

Absent (1): Marc Anthony Venere

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

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 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.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Jackie Stewart

THAT the Grants and Donations Advisory Committee minutes of March 7, 2024, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (5): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, and Shawn McKinlay

Absent (1): Marc Anthony Venere

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

None.

C. Public Comment Period

None.

D. Matters for Discussion

D.1 Connor McDavid Appearance Request

The Committee discussed how to approach the request to have Connor McDavid appear for a fundraising event and whether the event should be planned in advance with a request for Connor's attendance or if the event should be build around Connor's attendance, if it can be secured.

The Committee agreed to make the request for his appearance and to plan around that.

Chair Bordignon and Member Stewart agreed to work on the request to the McDavid family.

The Chair further the next steps after the request to Connor is made and if it is accepted, the committee will build the event around his attendance. If the committee is unable to secure his attendance, the committee will start working on a gala, with a date to be determined.

D.2 Fundraising Event 2024

Chair Bordignon provided an update to the committee regarding the request to Council to match the funds raised by this committee, which he noted Council agreed to.

The Committee discussed moving away from hosting Lobsterfest. The Committee agreed that The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund, who agreed to take this event over, is the best avenue for this event to continue.

The Committee discussed several options for hosting an event such as holding a Tribute to recognize someone who did something outstanding in the community, hosting a community awards ceremony and providing awards to youth, community leaders or tying it in with the Town's Volunteer Recognition Award, but noted this has passed for this year.

The messaging around the fundraiser was discussed including the potential for a draw, for a car, vacation, or something significant. It was noted by the Chair that should they host a draw or a lottery, significant ticket sales would have to happen to cover the cost of the prize being awarded.

D.3 Request to Council, Re: Waiving BVCC Fees for Lobsterfest

The Committee agreed that since it would not be hosting Lobsterfest this year, they wanted to support Blue Mountain Legacy Fund by requesting that Council waive the fees charged to use the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

Moved by: Shawn McKinlay

Seconded by: Jackie Stewart

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee requests that Community Services Department through their fees and charges waives any charges for the Beaver Valley Community Centre for Lobsterfest on May 25, 2024.

Yay (6): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (6 to 0)

D.4 Follow-up Direction from Council

None

E. Correspondence

None

F. New and Unfinished Business

F.1 Additions to Agenda

None

F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Review response from McDavid family, if any.

Further discussion on event.

G. Notice of Meeting Dates

At the Call of The Chair

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

THAT this Grants and Donations Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 2:56 p.m. to meet again virtually at the call of the Chair.

Yay (6): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (6 to 0)