



Committee Report

Grants and Donations Committee

Meeting Date: April 9, 2021
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Grants and Donations Committee Recommendations

NOTE: The following are recommendations from the Grants and Donations Committee to be considered for adoption by Council

- **Receive Minutes (April 9, 2021)**

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Grants and Donations Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 9, 2021 as attached, for information purposes.

D Correspondence

**D.1 [Steve Gorton, President, Marsh Street Centre](#)
[Re: Request for Assistance](#)**

Recommended (move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges the April 9, 2021 Grants and Donations Committee endorsement of the request for assistance as outlined in Steve Gorton's correspondence on behalf of the Marsh Street Centre;

AND THAT, in accordance with the Committee's endorsement, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approves support to the Marsh Street Centre, including donation of one (1) Tomahawk Golf Season Pass to be auctioned at the Marsh Street Centre's online charity auction, and exclusive use of the Tomahawk Golf Course on a Saturday morning in Fall 2021 (date to be determined by Town staff and Marsh Street Centre staff) for the purpose of a charity golf tournament.



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Grants and Donations Committee

Date: April 9, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by:
Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

Members Present: Councillor Peter Bordinon, Councillor Rob Sampson, Linda Wykes, Caroline Harbinson, Michael Caron, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere

Staff Present: Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Library Chief Executive Officer Dr. Sabrina Saunders, Administrative Assistant Tracy Petrescu,

Regrets: Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt

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

Executive Assistant Committees of Council Sarah Merrifield confirmed that all Committee members were present.

Town staff present were Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Library Chief Executive Officer Dr. Sabrina Saunders, and Administrative Assistant Tracy Petrescu.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Linda Wykes

Seconded by: Jackie Stewart

THAT the Agenda of April 9, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Yay (7): Michael Caron, Caroline Harbinson, Councillor Sampson, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, Councillor Bordignon

The motion is Carried (7 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 2019-56, 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

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

THAT the minutes of March 5, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (7): Michael Caron, Caroline Harbinson, Councillor Sampson, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, Councillor Bordignon

The motion is Carried (7 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56 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

B.3 Staff reports, if any

B.3.1 2021 Grants and Donations Program Applications

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Caroline Harbinson

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receive Staff Report FAF.21.049, entitled "2021 Grants and Donations Program Applications";

AND THAT the Grants and Donations Committee request that consideration of these applications be deferred to a Special Committee Meeting on April 16, 2021.

Yay (7): Michael Caron, Caroline Harbinson, Councillor Sampson, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, Linda Wykes, Councillor Bordignon

The motion is Carried (7 to 0)

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Lobsterfest 2021 Event Update (verbal)

Councillor Sampson advised that event promotion for Lobsterfest 2021 may begin in earnest as ticket sales are live through lobsterfest.blue. The event should be similar to 2020 with a drive thru option, and a sit down option, pending COVID-19 regulations. Councillor Sampson noted that tax receipts are being organized by St. George's Anglican Church for a \$2,500 fee.

Committee member Linda Wykes advised that to date, 23 dinners have been purchased, and the event has raised approximately \$2,000 in revenue. The event has also been advertised through The Blue Mountains Review.

C.2 Not-for-Profit Research (verbal)

- Consideration of Marc Anthony Venere's research into his foundation providing a "stop gap"

Committee member Marc Anthony Venere advised that his Foundation is set up as a Non-Soliciting Foundation and while it could be changed to allow for a "Chase the Ace" initiative or similar, it would take as much time for the Foundation to file the change as it would take the Town to set up a separate Community Foundation with the Canadian Revenue Agency.

C.3 Follow-up Direction from Council

Committee member Michael Caron left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

NOTE: The following direction was provided at the March 22, 2021 Council meeting

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the February 5, 2021 Grants and Donations recommendation being:

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives correspondence item D.2 and endorses in principle a roast beef dinner in coordination with the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society CARRIED.AND THAT in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, Council endorses in principle a roast beef dinner in coordination with the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society, and requests future event details be provided to Council and the Committee, CARRIED.

Councillor Bordignon noted that with respect to the Roast Beef Dinner, the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society is considering holding the event around the same time as the fall fair is normally held. The Committee will revisit this initiative mid-late summer.

D. Correspondence

D.1 Colin Clarke, President TC Rotary and Kelly Mackey, President, BVAA Re: Cancelling Plans for Outdoor Weekend Event (Winterfest)

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives correspondence item D.1 Colin Clarke, President, TC Rotary and Kelly Mackey, President, BVAA Re Cancelling Plans for Outdoor Weekend Event (Winterfest) for information purposes.

Yay (6): Councillor Bordignon, Councillor Sampson, Caroline Harbinson, Linda Wykes, Jackie Stewart, and Marc Anthony Venere

Absent (1): Michael Caron

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

**D.2 Steve Gorton, President, Marsh Street Centre
Re: Request for Assistance**

Moved by: Rob Sampson
Seconded by: Linda Wykes

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee receives correspondence item D.2 Steve Gorton, President, Marsh Street Centre Re: Request for Assistance and endorses the request for Council's consideration.

Yay (6): Councillor Bordignon, Councillor Sampson, Caroline Harbinson, Linda Wykes, Jackie Stewart, and Marc Anthony Venere

Absent (1): Michael Caron

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Discussion and decisions on Grants and Donations applications (April 16, 2021 Special Committee meeting)
- Community Foundation Next Steps

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

April 16, 2021 - Special Committee Meeting
Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

May 7, 2021 - Regular Meeting
Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Caroline Harbinson
Seconded by: Jackie Stewart

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee does now adjourn at 2:52 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (6): Councillor Bordignon, Councillor Sampson, Caroline Harbinson, Linda Wykes, Jackie Stewart, and Marc Anthony Venere

Absent (1): Michael Caron

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)