



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Grants and Donations Advisory Committee

Date: March 7, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.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, Shawn McKinlay

Members Absent: Marc Anthony Venere

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 10:00 a.m. with all members present, virtually save and except for Marc Anthony Venere, who sent his regrets.

Member Brandon vacated the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Shawn McKinlay THAT the Agenda of March 7, 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 October 19, 2023, 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 Follow-up from Council, Re: Funding Requests approved at the November 20, 2023 Council Meeting

Chair Bordignon provided an update to the Committee regarding the funding requests that Council approved at the November 20, 2023, Council meeting.

D.2 Discussion, Re: What will be the Grants and Donations Committee's major Fundraising Event in 2024

NOTE: Agenda Items D.2 and D.3 were discussed together.

D.3 Lobsterfest, Potential Date: May 25, 2024

The Committee discussed potential fundraising events this committee should host including Lobsterfest, a gala and a lottery. The Committee discussed the Regretta Parade event scheduled for August and how Regretta is hopeful to support the community with that event but needed to partner with a charity. The Committee discussed the possibility of combining the events.

The Committee discussed the potential date of Lobsterfest being May 25, 2024, so that it does not interfere with another event that happens every year on June 1. The Committee further discussed the work involved in running this event and that the event is run by volunteers. The Committee noted the difficulty this event has raising money and the need for a sponsor. They further discussed how since COVID, the number of people attending this event has not been very high. The Committee discussed the potential of making the event a “drive-thru” event. The Committee discussed the potential of partnering with a foundation or service club to host this event. The general consensus from the Committee was that Lobsterfest is not the best fundraising option.

The Committee discussed the need for whatever event the committee hosts, needs to be an annual event, to help it be successful.

The Committee discussed holding another meeting in the near future, to further discuss the three potential charity events being a Gala event, (possibly with Regetta event in August) Lobsterfest, or a lottery and to determine the earning potentials, resources, and risks involved with each option.

D.4 2025 Budget Consideration Request to Council, Re: Matching funds raised by Grants and Donations Committee for assisting Community grant requests

The Committee discussed the struggles to raise money to support the community.

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Brandon Lapstra

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee requests that Council for the Town of The Blue Mountains considers in the 2025 budget, matching the funds that are raised by this committee.

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)

E. Correspondence

None

F. New and Unfinished Business

F.1 Additions to Agenda

None

F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Discussion on three potential charity events being a Gala event, (possibly with Regetta event in August) Lobsterfest, or a lottery and to determine the earning potentials, resources, and risks involved with each option.

G. Notice of Meeting Dates

At the Call of the Chair

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Shawn McKinlay

Seconded by: Michael Caron

THAT this Grants and Donations Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 10:58 a.m. to meet again virtually, at the call of the Chair.

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)