

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A Special Session of the Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually, via Zoom Webinars on March 4, beginning at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Laurie Sandeson	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, Chair	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9 **
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Staff Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager
 Jen Boiduk, Recreation Administrative Support Clerk
 Kaitlyn Wesley, After School Program Coordinator

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to receive presentations from organizations requesting grants through the Municipality's Community Event Grants (previously Economic Development Grants) and Grants to Non-Profit Organizations. These presentations are part of the budget process for 2021/22. Debate and decisions on these requests will be done at the upcoming budget meetings scheduled to take place in April.

Presentations – Grants \$5,000 and Under

Canadian Mental Health Association-Colchester East Hants Branch (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Susan Henderson presented on behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association – Colchester East Hants Branch requesting a grant under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy. The organization is requesting \$3,000 for programs/services.

Councillor Taggart declared a conflict of interest and recused himself on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
 Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Canadian Mental Health Association- Colchester East Hants Branch.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

CARMA - Colchester Chapter (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Patsy Oxner presented on behalf of the CARMA – Colchester Chapter requesting a grant under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy. The organization is requesting \$3,000 to assist with rental expenses for 2021.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council receive the presentation from CARMA - Colchester Chapter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

Colchester East Hants Hospice Society (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Stacey Harrison presented on behalf of the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society requesting a grant in the amount of \$4,600 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to provide grief education and peer support in rural communities.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Mayor Blair

“That Council receive the presentation from Colchester East Hants Hospice Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Farm Equipment Museum (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

David Clark and Ronald MacDonald presented on behalf of the Farm Equipment Museum requesting a grant in the amount of \$3,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy for costs associated with building maintenance, cleaning, painting, PR materials, signage, advertisements and materials required for machine restoration.

Moved by Councillor Patton
Seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That Council receive the presentation from the Farm Equipment Museum.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Jennifer Fisher presented on behalf of the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,500 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy for maintenance work required to electrical panels.

Moved by Councillor Sandeson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council receive the presentation from the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Middleton Community Hall Association (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Jerry Amirault presented on behalf of the Middleton Community Hall Association requesting a grant in the amount of \$1,500 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy for overhead costs such as heat and insurance as well as exterior building maintenance (painting).

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Middleton Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Remembering Canada's Heroes (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

William Green presented on behalf of Remembering Canada's Heroes requesting a grant in the amount of \$600 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with program expenses, and costs for advertising and promotional materials.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council receive the presentation from Remembering Canada's Heroes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The Falls Community Hall Society (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Joyce Ferguson presented on behalf of the Falls Community Hall Society

requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,809.10 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with interior and exterior building maintenance/repairs.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Falls Community Hall Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Amy Langille presented on behalf of the NS Adopt-A-Highway Program requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,500 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy for expenses related to the Program Coordinator’s salary, a new temporary position to assist with transitional changes due to recent expansion.

Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council receive the presentation from Nova Scotia Adopt- A-Highway.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Nova Scotia Remembers Legacy Society (Grant to Non-Profit Organizations)

Tiffany Ward presented on behalf of the Nova Scotia Remembers Legacy Society requesting a grant in the amount of \$10,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy for expenses related to a comprehensive community needs assessment that will engage the residents of West Colchester to determine their needs considering the mass shooting that occurred in April 2020.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Nova Scotia Remembers Legacy Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Nova Scotia Remembers Legacy Society (Community Event Grant)

Tiffany Ward and Megan Metsky presented on behalf of the Nova Scotia Remembers Legacy Society requesting a grant in the amount of \$5,000 under the Community Event Grants Program to support costs for the

anniversary event, the Nova Scotia Remembers Memorial Race.

Moved by Mayor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council receive the presentation from the Nova Scotia Remember Legacy Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not available for this presentation/vote.*

Northern Healthy Connection Society (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Albert McNutt presented on behalf of the Northern Healthy Connection Society requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,500 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with designing a virtual tool pertaining to Harm Reduction/Drug Use for teachers, educators and school health & guidance staff.

Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council receive the presentation from the Northern Healthy Connections Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

Truro Curling Club (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Randy Degraess and Elaine Orr presented on behalf of the Truro Curling Club requesting a grant in the amount of \$3,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to help fund a new vertical lift from the main floor to the second floor lounge and viewing/gathering area.

Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro Curling Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

The following organizations submitted applications but did not make a presentation to Council:

- Alton Recreation Centre
- Earltown Community Centre Society

RECESS

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the meeting recess at 9:45 pm, reconvening on March 8th to receive the remainder of the presentations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm with all Council members in attendance except for Councillor Benoit who did not arrive until approximately 7:32 pm.

Deputy Mayor Stewart noted that at the end of the meeting on March 4th, it was acknowledged that applications were received from two organizations who were not making presentations to Council and requested a motion to accept these applications.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the applications from the Alton Recreation Centre and the Earltown Community Centre Society, who did not make a presentation as noted on March 4th, be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

Presentations – Grants Over *TataFest 2021 (Community Event Grants)*
\$5,000

Marshall Feit presented on behalf of the Creamery Square Arts Society requesting a grant in the amount of \$7,000 under the Community Event Grants Program to assist with costs associated with the Tatafest 2021 event.

Moved by Mayor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council receive the presentation from the TataFest 2021.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

The Grace Jollymore Joyce Arts Centre (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Marshall Feit presented on behalf of the Grace Jollymore Joyce Arts Centre requesting a grant in the amount of \$15,000-\$20,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy. The request from the Grace Jollymore Joyce Arts Centre to receive this funding annually for five years.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That Council receive the presentation from the Grace Jollymore Joyce Arts Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

Truro Harness Horse Owners Association (THHOA) (Community Event Grants)

Kaitlyn Wesley presented on behalf of the Truro Harness Horse Owners Association requesting a grant in the amount of \$1,200 under the Community Event Grants Program to assist with costs associated with the Grand Circuit Week-Lindsay Exhibition Cup

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Mayor Blair

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro Harness Horse Owners Association (THHOA).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

Brule Community Centre (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Keith Driver presented on behalf of the Brule Community Centre Association requesting a grant in the amount of \$1,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy with funds going towards the replacement of a fridge and freezer and the Hall.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council receive the presentation from the Brule Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

The Tatamagouche Boatshop (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Keith Driver presented on behalf of the Tatamagouche Boatshop requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,950 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with capital costs for the purchase of equipment.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Council Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Tatamagouche Boatshop.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*** Councillor Benoit was not in attendance for this presentation/vote.*

Burnside Pembroke Community Park Association (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

David Parks and Amber MacLean-Haus presented on behalf of the Burnside Pembroke Community Park Association requesting a grant in the amount of \$10,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy for costs associated with the replacement of the roof and front steps of the Hall.

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That Council receive the presentation from the Burnside Pembroke Community Park Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester Historical Society (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Ashley Sutherland and Amy Atkinson presented on behalf of the Colchester Historical Society requesting a grant in the amount of \$25,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with costs to support the day-to-day operations of the Historeum.

Moved by Mayor Blair

Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That Council receive the presentation from the Colchester Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cougar Dome - Cobequid Society of Athletic Excellence (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Francois Giguere and Cameron MacKay presented on behalf of the Cougar Dome – Cobequid Society of Athletic Excellence requesting a grant in the amount of \$25,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with their LED light project.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That Council receive the presentation from the Cobequid Society for Athletic

Excellence.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Northumberland Arts Council (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

David Boyle presented on behalf of the Northumberland Arts Council requesting a grant in the amount of \$19,942 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with costs to replace windows and exterior painting of the building.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That Council receive the presentation from the Northumberland Arts Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro Homeless Outreach Society (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Krista McNair, Kaela MacLellan and Stephanie Watson presented on behalf of the Truro Homeless Outreach Society requesting a grant in the amount of \$35,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to partially fund the Volunteer Recruitment Officer position.

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Mayor Blair

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro Homeless Outreach Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Trauma Recovery for Exploited Youth (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)

Pamela MacLeod presented on behalf of the Trauma Recovery for Exploited Youth requesting a grant in the amount of \$10,000 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with costs associated with housing clients in a secured home.

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That Council receive the presentation from the Trauma Recover for Exploited Youth.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro Tennis Club

Shelley Flemming and Cameron MacKay presented on behalf of the Truro Tennis Club requesting a grant in the amount of \$6,400 under the Grants to Non-Profit Policy to assist with costs to replace the aging deck on the front of the tennis clubhouse as well as to build an accessible ramp for the new deck.

Moved by Mayor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro Tennis Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting adjourn at 10:00 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Jen Boiduk
Recording Secretary