

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TAY
GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor Jim Crawford
Councillor Gerard LaChapelle
Councillor Sandy Talbot

STAFF PRESENT: Joanne Sanders, Director of Finance
Cyndi Bonneville, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Director of Finance advised that the first item of business is to elect a Chairperson.

Moved by: Councillor Crawford

Seconded by: Councillor LaChapelle

That Councillor Talbot be appointed as Chairperson for the Grants Committee.

Carried.

Councillor Talbot called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None were presented.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

None were presented at this time.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 4.1 The committee received a letter from the Coldwater Steampunk Festival requesting that the Township of Tay consider becoming a Community Sponsor by donating between \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 to this youth-inspired family friendly arts & culture event.

This item was referred for discussion during item 5.4.

5. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 5.1 The Director of Finance provided an overview of the Terms of Reference and the role of the Grants Committee.

- 5.2 The Director of Finance advised that in accordance with the Terms of Reference the committee shall meet at least quarterly.
It was agreed that the committee meet June 28th, September 27th and December 20th, 2017 with a start time of 11:00 a.m.

- 5.3 The Director of Finance spoke to the Township's Grant and Donations Policy and made reference to the different policies of neighbouring municipalities.

Moved by: Councillor Crawford

Seconded by: Councillor LaChapelle

That the Director of Finance provide a 1st draft Donation Policy to include that an annual financial statement be submitted by the group or organization.

And further that it include a criteria that the group or organization must provide a benefit to local residents.

Carried.

- 5.4 The Director of Finance outlined the 2017 Grants and Donations Summary and a lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the nature of donations for consideration.

Moved by: Councillor LaChapelle

Seconded by: Councillor Crawford

That the following Grants be approved:

- **Victoria Harbour Canada Day Celebration - \$1,300**
- **Portarama Celebration - \$1,300**
- **Waubashene Santa Clause Parade - \$1,300**
- **Lion's Club grant for taxation costs for Lion's Club building on Port McNicoll Community Center property - \$2,785**
- **Graduation Awards - \$700**
- **Remembrance Day Legion donations - \$300**
- **Port McNicoll Cemetery grant for cost of Insurance - \$1,072**
- **Post-Secondary Education Bursary Program in partnership with the County of Simcoe - \$1,000**

Carried.

It was noted that the following Grants were previously approved by Council for 2017: Georgian Bay Hospital \$23,000, Port McNicoll 100th Anniversary Celebration \$10,000, Community Reach Transportation Linking Communities \$3,500 and North Simcoe Agricultural Expo Agricole Association (Farm Fresh Food Fest) \$1,500.

A further discussion ensued with respect to donation requests where the festival/activity does not occur within Township boundaries and it was agreed there is no direct benefit to Township residents.

**Moved by: Councillor LaChapelle
Seconded by: Councillor Crawford**

That the following Grants be denied:

- **Coldwater & District Agricultural Society for the Coldwater Fair**
- **Southeast Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce**
- **Quest Art School and Gallery**
- **Coldwater Steampunk Festival**

Carried.

At this point in the meeting the Committee requested that the Director of Finance provide a report outlining the Township facility waived fees policy, the 2016 waived rental fees and a calculation of staff time to prepare and clean the facilities for a rental.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

**Moved by: Councillor Crawford
Seconded by Councillor LaChapelle.**

That this Grants Committee meeting adjourn at 2:55 p.m. and reconvene on June 28, 2017.

Carried.

Sandy Talbot, Chair

Minutes Recorder: Cyndi Bonneville, Administrative Assistant