

**TOWN OF DIGBY
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
March 30, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Cleveland
Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett
Councillor Peter Turnbull
Councillor William McCormick
Councillor Paul Saulnier

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer
Leslie Brinton, Executive Assistant

REGRETS:

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

B. Community Grants 2021/22

Mayor Cleveland provided a brief overview to the Committee on the prior Grants to Organization Process. The process for this year is slightly from the previous years for those who have been through The process in the past. Councillor Saulnier inquired about the current policy and the difference from the old Grants to Organization Policy and the new Community Grant Policy under the old policy we ask for registration information and names of folks who were on the board in the new policy we don't ask for that information and the new policy was designed for a more streamlined process. This policy Was designed from policies being used in other units. Councillor Saulnier asked if any member of Council was in conflict. Mayor Cleveland indicated that if any member of Council has a conflict they can declare that during the process and remove themselves from themselves from the discussion and decision making. At this point in time we are still unsure if large scale festivals can take place. Mayor Cleveland has an upcoming meeting with Mayors, Wardens and CAO with Dr. Strang the question around festivals will likely be a topic. Festivals and events will have to adhere to all public health guidelines and that could still be a challenge for this year again. The Committee discussed the requests from all the submitted applicants. The Committee makes the recommendation to the Council for approval of the amounts as discussed. The Digby Harbour Port Association request can be removed from this Community Grant request and we address this request pending development.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the Committee recommend to Council the following Community Grants for approval:

<i>Digby Foodbank (as per policy)</i>	<i>\$ 575.00</i>
<i>South West Nova Transition House</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Wharf Rat Rally</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Friends of Ferals</i>	<i>\$1,250.00</i>
<i>Lobster Bash</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>

<i>Digby Area Tourism Association</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Digby Scallop Days</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Navy League of Canada</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Southwest Nova Biosphere</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Digby Downtown Business Assoc.</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Trinity Anglican Church</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
Total	\$29,325.00
Motion Carried.	

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

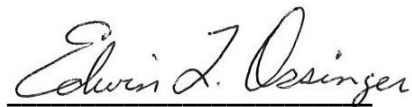
Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Mayor Cleveland that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk