



**CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
MUNICIPAL GRANTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

June 5, 2024
Council Chambers
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

PRESENT: Renée Forcier, Member
 Sumaila Gariba, Member
 Stephane Fournier, Councillor
 André J. Lalonde, Councilor
 Mario Zanth, Mayor
 Frédéric Desnoyers, Treasurer
 Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle, Councilor

1. Opening of the meeting

Mario Zanth open the meeting at 7:17.

1.1 Appointment of Chairperson

After discussion between committee members, Renée Forcier is appointed as Chairperson.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Stephane Fournier

Seconded By Sumaila Gariba

That the agenda be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

None.

4. Grants Applications Received

Frederic Desnoyers explains the changes to the policy and the difference between financial and In-Kind grants.

In-Kind grants will be approved by staff, based on availabilities. There is no set budget for it at this time. Only financial support applications will be considered by the committee and subject to the budget set out by Council.

Frederic Desnoyers presents the applications received and amount requested.

Following comments and questions from committee members, Frederic Desnoyers explained that the policy does not request financial information from applicant organizations, but that the financial section of the application form could be modified to ask what the money requested will be used for. Also, if a financial document is requested, some organizations may choose to provide a full budget or something simpler, which will help the decision-making and ensure that funds are spent appropriately.

Following questions, Mayor Mario Zanth explains how the grants were given by each member of councils, at their discretion, in the past and the difference between significant events and other events.

4.1 Hammond Summer Celebration

Previous year contribution was requested, but Frederic Desnoyers reiterates that those amounts are not available, since they could have requested funds from multiple councillors and those funds were discretionary to each of them.

It is pointed out by some committee members that having the event budget would be useful to make a decision on how much to give to each event.

It is proposed that the committee look at the amount of the other contributions being made to the event and try to match it. They do not want the City to be the main source of funding. The amount is afterward rounded up based on the In-Kind amount that was already approved for this event.

Moved by Sumaila Gariba

Seconded By Stephane Fournier

That the Municipal Grants Program Committee recommends to Council that the following Grants be awarded:

- Hammond Summer Celebration for a financial amount of 2045\$.

CARRIED

4.2 Defi Coureurs des Bois Challenge

Mayor Mario Zanth explains this event and the contribution it brings to the community with all the donation they do with the profits from the event.

Following questions, Frederic Desnoyers can confirm that a financial amount of 6400\$ was given in 2023 to the event, not counting the In-Kind support that was also provided.

It is proposed to match the highest contribution they are receiving, with an amount of 2500\$. The In-Kind contribution is not deducted from the calculation.

Moved by Stephane Fournier

Seconded By Mario Zanth

That the Municipal Grants Program Committee recommends to Council that the following Grants be awarded:

- Defi Coureurs des Bois Challenge for a financial amount of 2500\$.

CARRIED

4.3 Agricultural Competition

Frederic Desnoyers confirms that last year an amount of 1400\$ was given to this event.

Committee members note how the organisation propose to spend the grant and discuss some concerns.

The committee agrees on an amount of 1500\$, which can compare to last year grant and take in consideration inflation. They also agree on recommending to council to add some restriction for the spending of the grant.

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded By Sumaila Gariba

That the Municipal Grants Program Committee recommends to Council that the following Grants be awarded:

- Agricultural Competition for financial amount of 1500\$, with the exception that these funds are use directly for the event and not for travel expenses.

CARRIED

5. In-Kind Grants Report

The report is with the Grants Applications Received for this meeting. It will be a separate report in the future.

Presented to committee for information only.

6. Summary

Frederic Desnoyers gives a summary of the funds.

An amount of 6 045\$ has been recommended to Council to be awarded in grants.

There is 11 455\$ left in the Municipal Grants Program to be spent in 2024.

Following questions, Frederic Desnoyers specify that the policy states that if any money is left at the end of the year, it will be available for next year's applications.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded By Stephane Fournier

The meeting is adjourn at 8:30 pm.

CARRIED

Renée Forcier, Chairperson

Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk