



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

November 13, 2025
Teleconference

PRESENT: Renée Forcier, Chair
 André J. Lalonde, Councilor
 Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle, Councilor
 Frédéric Desnoyers, Treasurer
 Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Sumaila Gariba, Member
 Stephane Fournier, Councillor

1. Opening of the meeting

The chair opens the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

Seconded by André J. Lalonde

That the agenda be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

None

4. Adoption of the minutes

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

That the minutes of the Municipal Grants Program Committee meeting of September 3rd, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. **Statement of the Treasurer**

Frédéric Desnoyers presents the proposed 2026 budget for municipal grants, as the applications under review this evening pertain to that year. This budget also includes the remaining funds from 2025.

He notes that the 2026 budget has not yet been adopted by Council; therefore, the recommendations made this evening will only be brought to Council once the budget has been approved.

6. **Grants Applications Received**

6.1 **AIME Queer Music Festival 2026**

Renée Forcier notes that the 2025 event appears to have been a success. Their application contains a lot of detail, and she highlights the positive impact the event has had on the community.

Frédéric Desnoyers clarifies that the request is for \$5,000. However, since they have already submitted an in-kind grant application, they are only eligible for the difference.

Councillor Lalonde suggests indicating in the approval letter that the program has a maximum duration of three years and that this is their second year.

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

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

- Ottawa Trans Library - AIME Queer Music Festival 2026 in the amount of 2699\$.

CARRIED

6.2 **Community Taekwondo Class**

The request is for a financial grant of \$3,000.

The committee discusses the request and notes that it appears to be intended more to start a business than to organize an event. The proposal aims to purchase equipment and not necessarily to offer classes.

The committee proposes not to recommend a grant for this event, as it does not meet the criteria of the municipal grant program. Other funding

options might be more appropriate, notably through the Prescott and Russell Development Corporation.

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

That the Municipal Grants Program Committee does not recommends that a grant be awarded to Rockland Taekwondo - Community Taekwondo Class.

CARRIED

6.3 YMCA Summer Camps 2026 - Inclusion Support Program

Councillor Lalonde explains that the Y is a service provider for the City, offering programs to residents. The Council already allocates approximately \$120,000 per year to the Y to operate and deliver programs to the community.

Frédéric Desnoyers clarifies that this is a specialized program, aimed at adding and training employees for this particular program.

Following questions, Frédéric Desnoyers notes that, indeed, if the Y's programs generate a deficit, it is covered by the City.

Renée Forcier indicates that this will be their second year of funding and that the grant program is intended for a maximum of three years. They must be advised that they cannot rely solely on the grant to continue offering the program.

The committee agrees that the funds must be used exclusively for families in Clarence-Rockland.

Moved by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

Seconded by André J. Lalonde

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

- YMCA of the National Capital Region - Summer Camps 2026 - Inclusion Support Program in the amount of 710\$ for employee training; and
- YMCA of the National Capital Region - Summer Camps 2026 - Inclusion Support Program in the amount of 330\$ per campers that reside in the City of Clarence-Rockland, up to a maximum of 13 campers.

CARRIED

7. In-Kind Grants Report

Report is attached to the agenda.

8. Funds Summary

Frédéric Desnoyers mentions that \$15,867 will remain in the municipal grant program if tonight's recommendations are approved by council.

The next application period will be in April 2026.

9. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Renée Forcier, Chairperson

Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk