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Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

MODL Council Chambers – 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement
- 2. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**
 - 2.1 Proclamation – World Ocean Day 1
- 3. Public Input (15 Minutes)**
- 4. Changes/Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2025 (as circulated)**
- 6. Business Arising from Minutes**
- 7. Presentations/Scheduled Times - Nil**
- 8. Referrals from Committees/Council - Nil**
- 9. Staff Reports**
 - 9.1 Recreation, Parks & Tourism**
 - 9.1.1 Late Applications – Annual Operating Grants..... 2-4
- 10. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**
- 11. Recommendations from Council – Nil**
- 12. Added Items**
- 13. In Camera**
 - 13.1 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA
 - 13.2 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA
- 14. Adjournment**



Proclamation

World Ocean Day

A proclamation in support of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg recognizing and celebrating World Ocean Day 2024 and the advancement of ocean conservation in Canada.

Whereas, Sunday, June 8, 2025, is the 33rd annual World Ocean Day. World Ocean Day is the United Nations day for celebrating the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspiring action to protect it.

Whereas, Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life.

Whereas, The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change.

Whereas, The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, and communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future.

Whereas, It is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples. Many Indigenous nations and communities are leading in the conservation of the ocean, and have been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial.

Whereas, It is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance.

Whereas, In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg recognizes the 33rd anniversary of World Ocean Day on June 8, 2025 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile



The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Information & Options Report

Report to: Municipal Finance Committee
Submitted by: Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks, & Tourism
Date: June 3, 2025
Re: Late Applications – Annual Operating Grants

Recommendation

That the Finance Committee recommends to Council to award the Lunenburg Doc Fest Association \$650 and the South Shore Field House \$2,625 from the annual operating grant fund.

Executive summary

At the May 13, 2025, Council meeting Council awarded a total of \$152,060 in grant funds from the annual operating and major recreation capital categories, leaving a surplus of \$4,684 in the budget. The application form for each grant category clearly states that late applications will be reviewed only after the regular review of those applicants that have applied on time. Both the Lunenburg Doc Fest and the South Shore Field house were late applicants.

Background

Discussion

The applications were reviewed based on criteria and available budget. If Council agrees to award the recommended amounts this would leave a surplus of \$1,409 that could be used if any other late applications are made.

Strategic Focus

Supporting community groups improves Quality of Life of our residents, and many times these groups create opportunities for social interaction, therefore reducing social exclusion.

Budget/Financial Implications

There would be no budget implications as there are surplus funds remaining in the budget to accommodate the late applications.

Climate Change/sustainability

N/A

Inclusion Diversity equity and Accessibility (IDEA@MODL)

Many of the community groups that receive municipal funding provide facilities and programs that foster inclusion and accessibility in our region on many different levels.

Strategic Communications

N/A

Work plan

Managing and administering the grant program is part of the department's responsibilities.

Alternatives

1. Council could opt to award different amounts to these groups.
2. Council could decide not to provide funding to these two groups.

Conclusion

Providing grant funding to non-profit community groups is an investment in our communities and the many programs, services and facilities they provide. They do contribute to the quality of life in MODL, often helping to address the many social issues members of our communities' face and play a vital role in bringing community members together.

Report Preparation	
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