



Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation

Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

5:32 p.m.

This meeting was held electronically

Present were: Chair J. Glass, E. Clarke, D. Emberly, V. Hicks, J. Holland, M. Lee, B. Martin and K. Redman, *V. Mance

Members absent: P. Elsworthy, J. Clinckett

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Funding Allocation and Strategic Review

J. Glass provided a brief overview of that the Region of Waterloo is revising its overall approach to discretionary grants to ensure grant funding is robust, transparent, equitable, purposeful and meets the needs of a growing and diverse community and supports the Region's strategic objectives. This pause will provide the Foundation with an opportunity to review and evaluate how it fits with Regional Council's strategic priorities, including Climate Action, and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

*Discussion continued on this matter following agenda item 4.

The Foundation discussed various approaches for the internal strategic review such as increasing Community engagement, promoting the environmental advantages of repairing/reusing heritage properties, and equity, diversity and inclusion training.

The Foundation expressed concern that policies that are too specific can infringe on functionality. The Foundation noted that there are options to obtain funding from other sources as they are an autonomous organization.

The Foundation suggested that a steering committee would be beneficial and that the first meeting would be held on February 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. The Foundation discussed

that a pause in granting and accepting applications may be prudent given the pause in funding.

Moved By V. Hicks

Seconded By B. Martin

That the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation approves a temporary pause in grant funding and a temporary pause in accepting grant applications, until the Foundation completes an internal strategic review.

Carried

Accounts and Grant Summary

Connie Bogusat, Financial Analyst provided the Accounts and Grant Summary. In response to the Foundation, C. Bogusat confirmed that as of December 31, 2021 the remaining net funding is \$144,768.

2022 Insurance Policy Renewal

C. Bogusat provided the 2022 Insurance Policy Renewal

Moved by D. Emberly

Seconded by B. Martin

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve the 2022 Insurance Policy Renewal.

Carried

Delegations

1. Horst Wohlegmut re: Grant Extension Request - Galt Central Presbyterian

*V. Mance entered the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

H. Wohlegmut presented an overview of the grant extension request. The first extension deadline was December 31, 2021 and he explained that the delay is due to Covid-19 supply chain complications. He explained that the project has increased (i.e. sidewalk accessibility). He requested that the approved grant funding be provided before completion of the project.

The Foundation explained that grant funding must follow the Foundation's guidelines which state that the project must be complete prior to providing the grant funding.

In response to the Foundation, H. Wohlegmut confirmed that the estimated completion date is May 31, 2022.

2. Lynn D'Aguilar re: The Waterlot - 90 Wilmot St. New Hamburg

L. D'Aguilar presented an overview of the property grant application. She explained the heritage property features that they are planning to restore.

The Foundation requested additional documentation prior to the Foundation granting the funding request.

3. Stephen W. Young re: Crossroads Productions Historical Film

S. Young presented background information for his publication grant application.

The Foundation noted that current practices restrict granting funds more than once in a two-year period per applicant.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Emberly

Seconded by B. Martin

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve November 23, 2021 meeting minutes, as amended.

Carried

*Discussion continued related to agenda item 2.1 'Funding Allocation and Strategic Review'.

2021-2022 Committees

Allocations and Finance Committee

1. Property Grant Application: The Waterlot - 90 Wilmot St. New Hamburg

Moved by M. Lee

Seconded by V. Hicks

Whereas the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation recognizes that the property grant application for 90 Wilmot St. New Hamburg, known as the 'The Waterlot', is a warranted restoration project.

Whereas the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approved a pause to grant funding to the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation for 2022 on December 15, 2021.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation denies the property grant application for 90 Wilmot St. New Hamburg, known as the 'The Waterlot', as presented on February 8, 2022.

Carried

2. Publication Grant Application: Crossroads Productions Historical Film

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by D. Emberly

Whereas the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approved a pause to grant funding to the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation for 2022 on December 15, 2021.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation denies the publication grant application Crossroads Productions Historical Film, as presented on February 8, 2022.

Carried

3. Horst Wohlegmut re: Grant Extension Request - Galt Central Presbyterian

Moved by E. Clarke

Seconded by D. Emberly

That the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation approve the request for extension to Central Presbyterian Church for the slate roof replacement until August 31, 2022.

And that the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation deny the request for early payment of the grant funding.

Carried

Heritage Advisory and Communications Committee

None.

Other Business

- The Foundation confirmed that appointments for any membership vacancies will be paused during the temporary pause of grant funding.
- The Foundation directed Staff to update the WRHF website with language related to the temporary pause in grant funding and accepting applications due to an internal strategic review.

Correspondence

None.

Next Meeting – March 22, 2022**Adjourn**

Moved by B. Martin

Seconded by E. Clarke

That the meeting adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Carried

Foundation Chair, J. Glass

Foundation Secretary, J. Hale