

SYNOPSIS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS POLICY AMENDMENTS

The Town of Amherst has been awarding community support grants to individuals and organizations for many years. This places value in our community and ensures that non profit organizations are able to operate to support our community. It also ensures that our community has a robust schedule of events that support participation of the community.

Previous practise by policy was to forward social equity grant applications to the respective committees of Poverty Reduction, Inclusion Diversity and Equity or Accessibility for review and provide recommendation to Council on the awarding of grants. This was at times not timely or conducive to being able to award grants to organizations in a timely manner to meet their operational needs.

Staff are therefore recommending the wording of the policy be changed from “will” be referred to the respective committee for a recommendation to “may” be referred to the respective committee.

MOTION:

That Council approve the amendments to the Community Support Grants Policy.