

# Halifax Community Investment Fund Society

3 April 2017

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### George Dixon Centre

**Present:** Bryan Darrell (Treasurer), Melinda Daye, Carl Gannon (Vice-Chair), Amy Hunt (Secretary), Linda Mantley, and Craig Walkington (Chair)

**Guests:** Marion Brown and Lynn MacDonald – North-End Opportunities Fund  
Peter Green

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35pm

2. **Agenda:** Moved by Linda / Seconded by Amy / to accept the agenda as tabled. CARRIED.

3. **Presentation by North End Opportunities Fund (NEOF):** Marian Brown and Lynn MacDonald from the NEOF described how they were able to fund 53 children and youth to attend summer camps in 2016. They noted that 27 children and youth were from the HCIF catchment area and benefitted from the \$4,000 that the HCIF provided in funding. They would like to repeat the success of last summer and send 50+ children and youth from North End Halifax to summer camps again this upcoming summer. They would be grateful for financial support to support their efforts again this summer. They requested \$10,000 in funding from the HCIF. The Board asked questions of the presenters and there was some discussion.

**Motion:** That the HCIF Board grant up to \$5,000 to the NEOF to send children and youth from the HCIF catchment area with the stipulation that each applicant be from the HCIF catchment area and that this be verified with an HCIF board member and reported back to the Board. Moved by Bryan / Seconded by Melinda. CARRIED.

Craig said that he would advise Marion Brown the next day.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6 February 2017:** Moved by Carl / Seconded by Amy to approve the minutes of the 6 February 2017 meeting as tabled. CARRIED.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6 March 2017:** Moved by Bryan / Seconded by Linda to approve the minutes of the 6 March 2017 meeting as tabled. CARRIED.

6. **Financial Update:** Bryan tabled the monthly financial report. The HCIF financial status at the end of March 2017 is as follows:

Investment Portfolio at ScotiaMcLeod:	\$1,385,399
Bank Account at Scotiabank:	\$ 14,039

The estimated annual income from the investment portfolio is \$45,917.

7. **Presentation from Peter Green Regarding a New Community Centre:** Peter Green, former HCIF Board Member, has been advocating for a new community centre at the George Dixon Centre site. He has lived and has been involved in the North End for many years, and was most recently involved with upgrades at the Community YMCA on Gottingen Street. Peter distributed a package of materials for the Board Members to review. Peter offered that if we want a new community centre in the North End, then the people to initiate the project need to be community members. He proposed that the HCIF has an opportunity to lead the planning and fundraising efforts for this project, and could act as a catalyst for government, individual organizations and other sources of funding to support this initiative. He discussed the development of community centres across Nova Scotia, Toronto, and in different locations in the USA. The range of programs that could be offered would include a wide variety of offerings for community members of all ages. He feels this centre would capitalize on other initiatives that are taking place, such as the recent RBC announcement that it is investing \$500,000 into youth training programs across the country. Various Board Members spoke about the need for a new facility and raised questions about who would oversee the completed facility. Craig said that the first step would be for the Board Members to decide in principal if it wanted to pursue this initiative and taking a leading role. Due to time restrictions, no decision was made and it was agreed to discuss this proposal at the next meeting. Craig thanked Peter for presenting and urged the Board members to review the materials provided by Peter.

8. **HCIF Board Recruitment Strategy Update:** Deferred.

9. **2017 Bursary Program Update:** Deferred.

10. **Canada Revenue Agency Charities Liaison Officer Initiative:** Deferred.

11. **Social Media Plan for Next Month:** Deferred.

12. **Next Meeting:** The next HCIF Board meeting will take place at 5:30pm on Monday, 1 May 2017 at the George Dixon Centre

13. **Meeting Adjournment:** 6:58pm. Moved by: Bryan.