





Councillor Halos then noted he believe that Beaver Valley Community Centre subsidies and the Grants and Donations Program should be viewed separately, as the BVCC exists at any rate and subsidies are different that a straight cash grant.

Chair Gamble than clarified the BVCC Budget contained \$44,000 for subsidies, Rob replying for the BVAA only.

The Committee then considered individual applications.

Regarding the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society, Lisa noted the \$5,374 request represented a three day BVCC rental and a \$1,500 grant to assist with tent rentals and insurance.

Councillor McKean then noted the 2010 grant amounts should be reviewed, adding he agreed with Councillor Halos that the BVCC is a different entity.

Joe then proposed to start with a subsidy of \$3,874 for BVCC rental, no grant and have a second review when the initial application review is complete.

Lisa then reviewed the Beaver Valley Community School Application for support of a school production of “Me to We Glee”, a character education program, adding the application did not meet criteria due to no budget being submitted.

Councillor Ardiel then noted there are already contributions made to education and perhaps the Committee could come back to this application after the initial review, Councillor Halos noting they were all worthy applications but questioned the proposal to purchase stage and set materials, concurring to move on with the review.

Regarding the Beaver Valley Open Door application, Councillor McKean questioned if the program was not church-sponsored, Councillor Martin reporting it was a collaboration among churches.

Councillor Ardiel then noted the current family is leaving and questioned if there was any 2010 funding left, Michael noting the family has already relocated to Toronto, Chair Gamble noting he believed the current family still has to be sponsored even if relocated.

Michael then questioned how the \$6,000 request was arrived at, Bob noting probably partly for insurance.

Lisa then noted the complete Open Door program was a total of \$31,000 with \$6,000 requested from the Town to partly offset housing costs.

Councillor McKean then recommended the application be set aside at this time and consideration might be given to local needs.

Councillor Halos then questioned if the next sponsored family might relocate to Toronto.

Regarding the Beaver Valley Outlook application requesting \$11,994.75, Joe stated he considered BVO the number one program in our community performing wonderful works and he would support BVCC subsidization and cash for the organization.

Lisa then noted the request was the same at 2010, Chair Gamble noting the Committee could come back to the application.

Regarding the Beaver Valley Pre-school application, Lisa noted the request was for \$1,000 to offset costs for a fundraising event for an expansion, Councillor Ardiel noting she would not support the application, Councillor McKean noting it was a private sector entity and he concurred not to support the application.

Regarding the Breaking Down Barriers application for \$5,000, Lisa noted the request was for the Thumbs Up Awareness Program. John then noted the group received \$3,000 in 2010 and he would support the same amount in 2011, Gail concurring

Councillor Halos then noted the Library had just installed a barrier-free door and he would prefer such funding go to actual installations than an education program.

Councillor Martin then noted the Province provides training and education programs, Lisa clarifying the BDB program offers assessments to private and public sector entities as to where they should spend funds to create barrier-free spaces, Chair Gamble noting the amount could be \$3,000 for now.

Regarding the Canadian Cancer Society application for \$430 in support of the Relay for Life event, Lisa noted the request was for the BVCC rental for bank night, Gail noting support, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Clarksburg Business Association application for \$3,000 for various events, Lisa noted the group received \$2,830 in 2010. Joe then noted he has been involved in the Thornbury Business Improvement Area for a number of years and Clarksburg has done this on their own but \$3,000 was too much, Chair Gamble proposing \$2,000 for now and the Committee could come back to the application.

Regarding the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Foundation application for \$10,000, Lisa clarified the application was for \$10,000 per year over four years to assist in the purchase of a CT Scanner. Bob then noted there was a

separate fund for health services, Rob clarifying the funds have been committed for five years for the Thornbury Medical Clinic.

Councillor Halos then noted he sat on the Collingwood Hospital Board and the hospital has committed to the project, adding although the hospital is in Simcoe County, a significant number of Town residents use the facility.

Councillor Martin then noted perhaps the application could be a separate item for Council consideration as it is a multi-year proposal.

Councillor Ardiel then questioned if Meaford General Hospital was receiving any funding, Rob replying nothing at present as the health funding was directed to the Thornbury Clinic.

Councillor McKean then noted the Thornbury Clinic is meant to support both hospitals and he could not support the Collingwood multi-year commitment.

Gail then noted if Council was not funding Meaford hospital they should not fund Collingwood, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Elephant Thoughts application for \$5,997.50, Lisa noted the application was for BVCC subsidy and support for a Georgian Triangle Centre for Culture and Education.

Gail then stated she believed parents still pay for children to attend, Lisa noting a select number of children are identified to attend at no cost, 10 children in 2010.

Gail then stated she would not support the application, Joe noting he would support BVCC subsidization in the amount of \$997.50, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Georgian Sound Festival application for \$2,500, Lisa noted the request was for BVCC subsidy and equipment rentals.

Joe then questioned the rental fees, Lisa stating \$2,000 was noted including equipment rental and \$500 to support the YouthFest event.

Michael then proposed \$2,000 support, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Georgian Triangle Humane Society application for \$10,000, Lisa noted the application was to offset the cost of the 2011 intake of animals and advertising. Gail then questioned any 2010 grant, Chair Gamble noting there was no support in 2010, Gail proposing the application be left for now.

Michael noted the Town does not currently have such a facility and By-law Enforcement takes animals to the facility, John noting the Town pays a fee for

the service. Joe then noted he did not support funding an organization's operating costs, John proposing to leave the application for now.

Regarding the Georgian Triangle Residential Resource Centre application for \$2,500, Lisa noted the request was for support services for Town residents.

John then noted 2010 support was \$1,000 and he would support the same figure for 2011, Michael then questioning who uses the organization and how so they access it, Gail noting 211 would direct a user to the group.

Michael then questioned if it is the same service supplied by BVO, Gail replying perhaps, but the Centre would also offer service to those wishing to relocate to The Blue Mountains.

Lisa then clarified the funding would be used for staff wages and travel expenses to serve individuals in Town in partnership with BVO.

Chair Gamble then proposed \$1,000 and come back to the application.

Regarding the Girl Guides application for \$136.50 for BVCC subsidy, the Committee concurred to support.

Regarding the Golden Beavers application for \$1,260 for BVCC subsidy, the Committee concurred to support it.

Regarding the Hospice Georgian Triangle application for \$1,000, John noted it was the same amount granted in 2010 and he would support it, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the application from JD's Scrumptious Lunches, Gail noted it was for children's lunches in Collingwood and would not support it, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the My Friend's House application for \$5,000. Lisa noted the group received the same amount in 2010.

Gail then noted she would support it as the facility serves a great number of people in need, Joe concurring they were a worthy group but also very active in fundraising and questioned how many Town residents utilize the facility, Lisa replying the Town generates 20% of crisis calls and 18% of annual shelter residents.

Michael then noted Council had very limited funds in 2011 and he would suggest \$3,000 and come back to the application.

Joe then again noted a subsidy is not money out of pocket. Rob noting it could be a lost opportunity for revenue.

Lisa then noted the Grants and Donations total was now at \$30,693, over Budget by \$1,257.

Regarding the Theatre Collingwood application, the Committee concurred not to support.

Regarding The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce application in the amount of \$20,100, Chair Gamble noted the Chamber received \$11,000 in 2010.

Lisa then reviewed the various components of the application.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Reg Russwurm and Director of Special Projects Peter Tollefsen then attended the meeting.

Regarding the Chamber application, Michael noted the Town could easily provide winter plowing for the Information Centre Parking Lot access to the Georgian Trail, Reg clarifying the site was currently part of the Various Town Site tender done by contractors and charged back to the Chamber.

Joe then proposed the application be set aside for now, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club application for \$6,000, Bob noted \$2,000 was given in 2010 for the Georgian Sound Festival, Lisa adding there was also \$250 for Haitian relief as well as a separate application for the Chili Cookoff.

Michael then questioned how much support was requested for the International Conference, Gail noting \$5,500.

Chair Gamble then proposed support in the amount of \$4,000, Joe noting he would not support funding for a conference as an internal event and would suggest \$2,500 for the Chili Cookoff, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Thornbury Community Theatre application for \$350 for advertising for two theatre events, Gail noted the Town could offer advertising on the Community Pages and website, Bob then proposing no cash funding, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Tour of the Arts application for \$2,500 for new signage, brochures and website updates, E3 Community Services golf tournament and St. John Ambulance building expansion, the Committee concurred no funding would be available.

Regarding the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association request for bus tour and barbecue lunch, Councillor Ardiel noted the orchard growers association

had a tour and lunch no funding and this situation was similar, Councillor McKean concurring.

Lisa then noted the funding total was currently at \$33,192.74, representing \$3,756.42 over budget.

Councillor Halos then noted the BVO cash grant could be reduced somewhat as Council did just purchase a table for the Good Times Gala event, Councillor Martin noting the group does perform significant fundraising.

Chair Gamble then questioned if there is an entry made to charge BVCC rentals back to subsidies, Rob replying yes.

Bob then questioned Linda Wykes as to who is funding the Jazz in the Park program, Linda replying funding is from TD Canada Trust.

Councillor Halos then questioned other budget sources for grants and donations, Rob replying Council has \$5,500 with \$1,000 used to date, the BVCC Budget containing subsidies for BVAA programs and the Communication and Economic Development Budget administering Grants and Donations.

Joe then questioned what the Council monies were used for, Bob replying for individual requests through the year.

Gail then proposed the Georgian Triangle Residential Resource Centre could be reduced as BVO provides a similar service, Bob noting the first night of the Agricultural Society BVCC rental could be considered free.

Mayor Anderson then attended the meeting.

Councillor Martin then noted BVO has been given the full request amount, Councillor Halos noting he would support the BVCC subsidy portion, Michael proposing to put BVO at \$6,000, the Committee concurring.

Councillor McKean then proposed the Georgian Triangle Residential Resource Centre be eliminated.

Lisa then noted the Library has offered free use of the Gallery for the Relay for Life bank night in place of the BVCC.

Councillor Martin then proposed reducing Breaking Down Barriers to \$2,500 and the Clarksburg Business Association to \$1,500.

Chair Gamble then proposed reducing Elephant Thoughts to \$500 and the Agricultural Society to \$3,000.

Lisa then reported the Budget was now at \$23,396.











Chair Gamble then questioned if this meant all Plan projects or all Tax Increment projects, Peter replying it would be the maximum for Program 5, Revitalization Tax Increment Grant.

Mayor Anderson then noted Chair Gamble had previously mentioned he could accept a maximum figure of \$100,000 rather than removing the Revitalization Tax Increment program from the Plan, although it could be put back in through an amendment to the Plan.

Chair Gamble then questioned if Committee members wished to reduce the maximum amount to \$100,000 or delete Program 5 from the Plan.

Councillor Ardiel then stated she could accept a program limit of \$100,000 together with the revised wording.

Councillor Halos then noted he had no qualms with the Program 5 limit of \$500,000, but other Programs within the Plan could total several hundred thousand dollars and he would be fine with a Program 5 limit of \$200,000.

Peter then clarified the Program funds represent monies the Town would usually receive as taxes payable but would not be received, although they are termed as a grant.

Ellen then questioned if \$100,000 would represent a 1% decrease in taxes, Reg clarifying it is actually a deferred tax for up to ten years, although the Town would not receive back taxes.

Bob then noted it was not the general community that would benefit, but he could accept a Program limit of \$100,000.

Councillor Martin then stated he does not believe that Program 5 should be offered as it is not good for municipalities in setting up inequalities within the business sector, the Program essentially geared toward large projects.

Michael then noted he would recommend an amendment to General Program Requirements, stating a financial statement would be required to the satisfaction of the Town, as we are using taxpayer funds.

Councillor McKean then questioned if a financial statement could be legally requested, Rob replying it could be requested but it may not be provided, Michael noting then there would be no grant.

Councillor Halos then questioned if a project was well-financed would they receive a grant, Michael noting it would be up to Council.

Chair Gamble then noted he would support the financial statement requirement, Councillor McKean concurring.



As there was nothing further before the Chair the Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT this meeting does now adjourn to meet again in the new Town Hall Committee Room on May 17, 2011 at 2:00 pm, or at the call of the Chair,  
Carried.