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## Notes, Meeting of South Huron Vitality Fund Ad-hoc Grants Committee

June 29, 2 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Tom Prout, Harry Stuart, Frank Palen, Pat Morden

Regrets: Penny Nelligan, Janette Baillie

- Pat opened the meeting by reviewing the purpose: to recommend grants from the new South Huron Vitality Fund to the board of the Grand Bend Community Foundation. The Vitality Fund was created by the Municipality of South Huron, with an endowed contribution of \$40,000 and a flow-through contribution of \$10,000. The fund will replace the Municipality's community grants program. The \$40,000 will be added to the existing South Huron Community Fund of \$20,491, to create an endowed donor-advised fund of \$60,491. The flow-through funds may be granted during the current year. In total, approximately \$11,500 is available to grant in 2020.
- The group discussed the grant application from the Lions Club of Centralia-Huron Park. The application is currently ineligible as the Club was unable to find a charitable partner. In addition, Frank noted that the Exeter newspaper recently reported the church is slated for demolition. The group decided that this application is ineligible.
- The three eligible applications – Huron Waves Music Festival, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Winterfest – were discussed.
  - Harry expressed his strong support for BBBSSH, and there was general agreement that the mentorship program has a powerful impact on the lives of vulnerable children.
  - Tom noted that the Huron Waves Music Festival may not happen in December, given the ongoing pandemic. It was agreed that in that scenario, the grant could be used toward the 2021 Festival, but that no further application would be considered in the spring.
  - Harry noted that Winterfest is a wonderful event that encourages families to get outside and be active in the winter.

- Ultimately, the group decided to recommend that GBCF grant the full request to BBBSSH and Winterfest, \$2,000 and \$3,000 respectively, and the remaining \$6,500 to Huron Waves. Moved by Frank, seconded by Harry, carried.
- This recommendation will be reviewed by the Foundation board at its next meeting on July 22 and will be held confidential until approval.