



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Grant Review Committee
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Main Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Main Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor R. Foote, Chair,
Mayor, B. Hendriksen, ex-officio,
Councillor T. McLennan,
L. Bardak, and
K. Macdonald.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

C. Saunders, and
S. Jovic.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. Mayor Hendriksen moved,
L. Bardak seconded,

That Councillor Rob Foote be appointed as Chairperson.

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Opening Statement

3. Councillor Foote read the Opening Statement.

Approval of the Agenda

4. K. Macdonald moved,
Mayor Hendriksen seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

5. There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.



Deliberation of Funding Applicants

6. Committee deliberated the 2026 Funding Applications separately.

7. Committee recommends that Council award funding as follows:

Multi Year	Purpose of Funding	2026	2027	2028
Aurora Fiddle Society	Programs and Workshops	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Folk On The Rocks	Folk on the Rocks Music Festival	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Hockey NWT	Operational and Program Delivery	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Makerspace YK	Operational and Program Delivery	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Multicultural Community of Yellowknife	Multicultural Day and Gala	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
NorthWords NWT	Programming	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
NWT SPCA	Operational and Program Delivery	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Ragged Riders Snowsports Society	Operational and Program Delivery	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Western Arctic Moving Pictures	Programs and Workshop	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Yellowknife Ukrainian Association	Studio/Art Space	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
YK Seniors Society	Programs for Seniors	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Previous Funding Groups		\$187,000.00	\$131,000.00	\$-
Subtotal A		\$361,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$144,000.00

Sponsorship	Purpose of Funding	2026
Old Town Community Association	Old Town Ramble & Ride Festival	\$15,000.00
Ptarmicon	Ptarmicon 2026	\$10,000.00
Steadily Deadly Society	Steadily Deadly Fest	\$5,400.00
Territorial Agrifood Association	Culinary Festival	\$12,500.00
Yellowknife Community Festivals Organization (formerly Yellowknife Munch Sip & Paint Carnival)	Yellowknife Color Run and Colour Festival	\$7,500.00
Yellowknife Fastball Association	Northern Invitational Fastball Championships	\$7,225.00
YWCA NWT	Community Celebration & Family Picnic for YWCA NWT's 60 th Anniversary	\$5,000.00
Subtotal B		\$62,625.00



Community Service	Purpose of Funding	2026
Black Advocacy Coalition upNorth (BACupNorth)	Black History Month Programs	\$8,000.00
Chickadee NEST	Programming	\$5,000.00
Ecology North	Public Environmental Events	\$4,000.00
Food Rescue Yellowknife	Food Rescue Program	\$10,000.00
MakeWay Charitable Society - Northern Birthwork Collective	Workshop	\$4,150.00
Music NWT	2026 Programming	\$4,000.00
The Northwest Territories Badminton Association	Programs and Tournaments	\$5,000.00
Northwest Territories Equitable Sports Access	20 Scholarships	\$3,000.00
NWT Judo Association	Judo Programming	\$7,225.00
NWT Literacy Council	Newcomer Programming	\$9,000.00
Yellowknife Choral Society	Multiple Concerts	\$7,500.00
Yellowknife Climbing Club	Outdoor Climbing Program	\$1,000.00
Yellowknife Community Foundation	Yellowknife Small Grants Program	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Polar Bear Swim Club	Aquatic Programming	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Search and Rescue	Training for Volunteers	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Street Support Network	Food Support to Homeless	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Ultimate Club	Annual Programming	\$2,500.00
Subtotal C		\$90,375.00

8. K. Macdonald moved,
 Mayor Hendriksen seconded,

That Council adopt the funding allocations presented by the Grant Review Committee.

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Debriefing

9. Committee discussed the Grant Review Policy and the idea of moving application deadlines earlier. This change would allow funding decisions to be made in January, giving groups more time to plan their projects.

Action Item: Administration will bring forward an updated Grant Review Policy to Council with a revised application deadline of November 15.



Adjournment

10. Mayor Hendriksen moved,

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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