



PORT COLBORNE

**City of Port Colborne
Grant Policy Committee Meeting Agenda**

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Pages

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Disclosures of Interest**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
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7. **New Business**
8. **Adjournment**



PORT COLBORNE

MEETING OF THE GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

Minutes of the Grant Allocation Committee held Monday, July 29 in Committee Room 3, City Hall

The following committee members and staff were present:

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| Committee members | Bea Kenny, chair Brenda Haymes Monique Aquilina Bill Steele Tim Hoyle |
| Recording secretary | Gail Todd |

CALL TO ORDER: 4pm

Moved by B. Haymes
Seconded by T. Hoyle

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by B. Haymes
Seconded by M. Aquilina

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEB. 12, 2024 MEETING

Moved by T. Hoyle
Seconded by B. Haymes

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

T. Hoyle recused himself from any discussion or decision regarding the application submitted by The Wave minor girls hockey

NEW BUSINESS

None.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW

Members reviewed applications received by deadline June 30 from not-for-profit organizations. Members discussed each application and allocated funding whether all or part of the request. An average was calculated of each member's decision to determine the total allocation.

Moved by B. Haymes
Seconded by M. Aquilina

That funding requests be approved as follows for a total of \$23,100 for the second allocation of 2024:

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| Big Brothers Big Sisters | \$4,000 |
| Community Living PCW | \$2,000 |
| Habitat for Humanity | \$2,500 |
| Reach Out Centre | \$5,000 |
| PCC Conservation Club | \$2,600 |
| PC Operatic Society | \$2,000 |
| Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 | \$3,000 |
| The Wave Girls Minor Hockey | \$2,000 |

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT 4:45pm

Moved by B. Steele
Seconded by B. Haymes

NEXT MEETING FEB 2025

CHAIR

SECRETARY

The City of Port Colborne
66 Charlotte Street
Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8

September 25, 2024


Dear Grant Allocation Committee of the City of Port Colborne,

On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for the generous community grant awarded to support volunteer recruitment and expand our service levels across all our mentoring programs in Port Colborne.

Your investment in our mission will have a profound impact on our ability to reach more youth who need mentorship. The increased capacity for volunteer recruitment will allow us to create more life-changing matches between children and caring adult mentors. This grant will not only help us recruit and train additional volunteers, but it will also enhance the quality of the mentorship experience by allowing us to increase our support and services to matches.

We are thrilled that this partnership with the City of Port Colborne will enable us to make a greater difference in the lives of young people, their families, and the community at large. Please accept our sincere appreciation, and we look forward to sharing updates on the positive outcomes your support will help us achieve.

Warmest regards,



Erin Graybiel
Executive Director
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara





Allied against abuse.

City of Port Colborne
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Dear Mayor Bill Steele and Members of Council,

What a wonderful gift you have given.

Your generous donation is already being put to use to protect, change and even save lives in our community. Did you know that every \$1,000 you donate provides groceries for everyone in our shelter for one week?

The simple truth is, Birchway Niagara can only offer critical services to help rebuild lives free from abuse thanks to supporters like YOU!

Your gift helps provide essential services including safe shelter, counselling, legal advocacy, transitional housing support, safety planning and 24-hour support lines.

You are welcome to reach out to learn more about how your gift is making a difference or how to get involved by contacting me, Amanda Braet, Director of Development and Stewardship, at 905-356-3933 ext. 240 or amandab@birchway.ca

Thank you for the hope you bring,

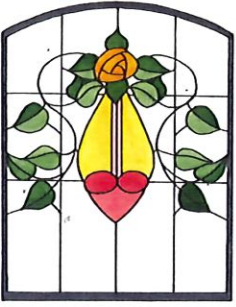
Amanda Braet
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Director of Development & Stewardship

*Your gift is a lifeline
for others. Thank you
for helping protect
families in Port Colborne!*

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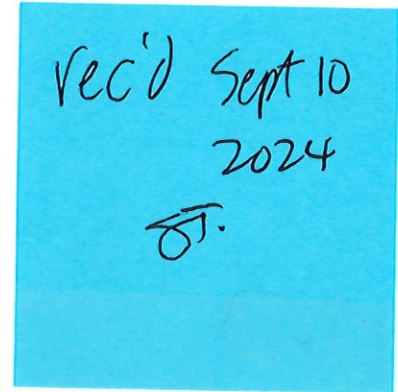


FRIENDS OF ROSELAWN CENTRE

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August 14th, 2024

Grant Funding Committee
City of Port Colborne
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Dear City of Port Colborne Grant Funding Committee,

On behalf of the Friends of Roselawn, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support through the 2023 community grant we received to provide exciting creative opportunities for our community members. Your assistance has been instrumental in launching both our Art Loaning Centre and Tiny Art Library this summer at the Roselawn Centre

Thanks to our accepted government grant, we have established a vibrant space, named 'Art Loaning Centre', where community members can borrow various art supply kits. This initiative enables them to create beautiful works of art and explore new mediums that might otherwise be inaccessible. Our current offerings include poppy crocheting, watercolour painting, rock painting, and more, which have proven to be quite popular with our visitors. Guests can choose to keep their

creations or donate them to our Tiny Art Library, which serves as a gallery showcasing the wonderful pieces of art produced using our supply kits, as well as any donated items from enthusiastic patrons. To encourage participation, we offer an incentive where individuals who donate their artwork can select another piece from the miniature library. This dynamic not only supports a continuous rotation of traditional and local art, but also fosters a sense of community and shared creativity among the participating citizens of Port Colborne. The Tiny Art Library has truly become a focal point where local artists and novices alike can contribute their work, creating a sparkling display of shared creativity that is celebrated and enjoyed by all.

Through the Art Loaning Centre and the Tiny Art Library, we strive to honour both the mission of the Friends of Roselawn and the historical significance of Roselawn Centre itself throughout the logistical process. For the Art Loaning Centre, we acquired a late 18th-century shelving unit originally designed for holding water buckets, which we have repurposed to display our art supplies. To pay homage to the original use of the piece, we have used similar buckets to store the kits themselves. For the Tiny Art Library, we found an ornate shelving unit at a garage sale that complements Roselawn Centre's internal and external decor, while continuing to reflect its cultural heritage through its eclectic ambience.



The crafts offered through our Art Loaning Centre have been thoughtfully chosen to highlight Port Colborne's unique energy and characteristics. For instance, rock painting, inspired by local artist Patte McCarthy, has become a particular favorite among patrons. The different crafts selected have also served as a bridge to connect various generations and backgrounds within

our community. For example, the poppy crochet kits have engaged veterans and our older residents, whereas rock painting and bracelet beading have resonated with our younger participants, reflecting broader popular cultural trends shown through social media and beyond. This intergenerational exchange has enriched our community fabric, allowing individuals to learn from one another and collaborate on shared artistic endeavors.

The response from our community has been overwhelmingly positive. Many of our



kits have circulated so frequently that we have had to replenish them with additional ones, especially the watercolour sets. This high level of engagement speaks volumes about the community's enthusiasm and eagerness to participate in creative ventures. Beyond simply providing materials, our initiatives have facilitated genuine connections among community members including families, friends, and individuals from diverse backgrounds. They have the ability to come together at Roselawn Centre, sharing their artistic experiences and

fostering a deeper sense of camaraderie.

By promoting local art and traditions, we are not only preserving the cultural heritage of Port Colborne but also nurturing an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome to contribute and celebrate their artistic talents. Your support has significantly broadened Roselawn's capacity to offer art and cultural experiences to everyone in our community. This initiative has become an integral

part of fostering togetherness and cultural enrichment within our area. We are immensely grateful for your contribution and the positive impact it has had on the members of our ever - growing community. Thank you once again for making this opportunity possible. We look forward to continuing this creative journey and expanding our reach even further.

Warmest regards,

The Friends of Roselawn Centre

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara H. Butter". The signature is written in black ink and features a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.