



## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

### Minutes from the Grants & Programs Committee Meeting held April 8, 2019

**Date:** April 10, 2019  
**To:** Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board of Directors  
**From:** Grants Manager & Policy Advisor

<b>Meeting Date</b>	April 8, 2019	<b>Contact</b>	Ian Klesmer, Grants Manager & Policy Advisor
<b>Start Time</b>	2:00pm	<b>Phone</b>	416-393-6371
<b>Location</b>	Meeting Room E, City Hall	<b>E-mail</b>	<a href="mailto:iklesmer@taf.ca">iklesmer@taf.ca</a>
<b>Chair</b>	Corey Diamond		

#### 1. Welcome, introductions, acknowledgements

The Chair welcomed Chris Wray, Director of Government and Industry Relations at Alectra Utilities, who is standing in for Tamar Heisler on the Committee.

The Committee congratulated TAF staff on the federal government's recently-announced \$183 investment in Low Carbon Cities Canada, which will enable and accelerate urban carbon-reduction solutions in seven urban areas including the GTHA.

#### 2. Review of Agenda

(March 29, 2019) Meeting Agenda, submitted by Ian Klesmer, Grants Manager & Policy Advisor

Agenda approved.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest pursuant to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Corey Diamond declared a conflict of interest with Item 5c as he was previously on the Board of Directors of Scout Environmental and recently resigned his role.

#### 4. Review of Grants and Programs Budget

(March 29, 2019) TAF grants budget and internal programs budget, submitted by Ian Klesmer, Grants Manager & Policy Advisor.

Ian Klesmer presented the grants budget and internal program budget for 2019.

## **5. Grant requests (for recommendation)**

(March 29, 2019) Grant Proposals, submitted by Ian Klesmer, Grants Manager & Policy Advisor

### **a) Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC) - Building Regional Capacity for Complying with and Leveraging EWRB**

The Committee recommended funding of \$198,372 over 30 months to CaGBC to support enhanced compliance with the provincial Energy and Water Reporting and Benchmarking (EWRB) regulation through a combined strategy of awareness building, education and evaluation across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

### **b) Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA) - Accelerating Neighbourhood Climate Solutions through Community Hubs**

The Committee recommended funding of \$155,459 over 18 months to TEA to seed and support two to three community hubs in achieving significant greenhouse gas reductions in their local neighbourhoods and generating prototypes and tools that can be used to activate the large network of hubs in the GTHA.

### **c) Scout Environmental – Retire Your Ride’s EV Exchange –**

The Committee recommended against funding \$144,263 over 18 months to Scout Environmental due to the project’s low GHG impact estimate and a lack of clarity about its scale-up potential.

### **d) Windfall Ecology Centre – Community Solutions Finance Facility**

The Committee recommended against funding of \$140,000 over 10 months to Windfall Ecology Centre due to insufficient detail regarding the project’s theory of change and how the identified challenges would be overcome.

### **e) Environmental Defence – Impacts of Vehicle Pollution in the GTHA**

The Committee Recommended funding of \$75,000 over 12 months to Environmental Defence to quantify the health benefits associated with reducing vehicle emissions, and develop public-facing recommendations and supporting materials to accelerate electrification of transportation.

The Committee’s recommendation is subject to the following condition:

1. Secure the commitment of at least one organization with a health-focused mandate to act as a lead messenger for the project-related communications.

**f) Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (HIEA) – GHG Reductions from Transportation of Bulk Material through Procurement Policies**

The Committee recommended against funding this proposal for \$59,000 over eight months due to insufficient evidence that the proposed strategy would be effective in achieving its stated objectives.

**g) Pollution Probe – Replacing Pickering: The Next Step in the GTA’s Clean Energy Transition**

The Committee recommended funding of \$50,000 over six months to Pollution Probe to engage the relevant partners and identify the information needed to promote the use of non-emitting electricity sources to replace Pickering Nuclear Generating Station upon its scheduled retirement.

**h) Ryerson City Building Institute Unlocking Density and GHG reductions from the GTHA’s Single Family Homes**

The Committee recommended funding of \$20,000 over six months to Ryerson to test the feasibility of a revolving fund to deliver new “missing middle” housing through the retrofit and conversion of single-family homes into energy efficient duplex or triplex units.

**6. Internal Program Allocation Request**

(March 29, 2019) Internal Program Allocation Request, submitted by Ian Klesmer, Grants Manager & Policy Advisor

**a) Advancing Low-Carbon Policy Solutions**

The Committee recommended funding of \$40,000 over nine months to enhance TAF’s policy activities through the engagement of subject matter experts as consultants on two priority policy files.

**7. Internal Program Allocation Requests and Reports**

(March 29, 2019) Internal Program Allocation Requests and Reports

The Committee received the reports for information.

**Attendance and Meeting Sessions\***

Date and Time	Quorum	Members
2019-04-19 2:00pm – 4:30pm (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Corey Diamond (Chair), Antoine Belaieff, Andrew Dooner, Erika Lontoc, Sandra Odendahl, Andre Vallillee, Chris Wray <i>Not Present:</i> Councillor Mike Layton, Ryan Ness