

Minutes of the Grants and Programs Committee meeting held October 19, 2023

Date: November 7, 2023
To: Board of Directors of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund
From: Senior Grants Manager

MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Date: October 19, 2023	Contact: Siddharth Chatpalliwar, Senior Grants Manager, TAF
Start Time: 10:00 am	Email: schatpalliwar@taf.ca
Location: Hybrid 1. Virtual – Zoom 2. In-person - Committee Room 5, City Hall (100 Queen St. W, Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2)	Chair: Wayne Miranda

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome, Introductions, Land Acknowledgement

Committee Chair Wayne Miranda called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present, and made a land acknowledgement statement.

2. Review of Agenda

Committee Chair Wayne Miranda and Committee members reviewed the meeting agenda.

Agenda approved.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil

4. Review of Consolidated Grants and Programs Budget

(Confidential – security of the property of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund)

(October 5, 2023) Consolidated Grants and Programs Budgets, submitted by Siddharth Chatpalliwar, Senior Grants Manager

Moved by Wayne Miranda that the Committee recess its public session to meet in closed session to consider item 4, “Consolidated Grants and Programs Budget”, as the items pertain to the security of the property of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (Carried).

Moved by Wayne Miranda that the Committee receive the item for information (Carried).

5. Grant Requests

(Confidential – financial information supplied in confidence to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund)

(October 5, 2023) Nine Grant Proposal Requests, submitted by Siddharth Chatpalliwar, Senior Grants Manager

Moved by Wayne Miranda that the Committee recess its public session to meet in closed session to consider item 5, “Grant Requests (for recommendation)” as the items contain financial information supplied in confidence to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (Carried).

Moved by Wayne Miranda that the Committee confirm its instructions to staff in closed session (Carried).

The Committee recommended six grant applications worth \$1,301,130 for funding. The Committee declined three grant applications worth \$562,011.

6. Internal Program Allocation Requests

(Confidential – security of the property of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund)

(October 5, 2023) Consolidated Grants and Programs Budgets, submitted by Siddharth Chatpalliwar, Senior Grants Manager

Moved by Wayne Miranda that the Committee recess its public session to meet in closed session to consider item 6, “Internal Program Allocation Requests”, as the items pertain to the security of the property of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (Carried).

Moved by Wayne Miranda that the Committee confirm its instructions to staff in closed session (Carried).

The Committee recommended \$181,500 for funding TAF’s activities for the period January to March 2024.

7. Progress update

TAF staff made two presentations to the Committee:

- Proposed honorarium to support participation of non-profit organizations in TAF-funded projects.
- Progress update on targeted call for proposals to support the design, development, and/or demonstration of demand-side distributed energy resource projects in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

ATTENDANCE AND MEETING SESSIONS

Date and Time	Quorum	Members
October 5, 2023 10:00am – 10:10am (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Wayne Miranda (Chair); Tamar Heisler, Ali Hoss, Kirk Johnson, Mike Layton, Ryan Ness, Rosemarie Powell, Lindsay Wiginton <i>Not Present:</i> Erika Lontoc, Nicola Crawhall
October 5, 2023 10:00am – 12:42pm (Closed Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Wayne Miranda (Chair); Tamar Heisler, Ali Hoss, Kirk Johnson, Mike Layton, Ryan Ness, Rosemarie Powell, Lindsay Wiginton <i>Not Present:</i> Erika Lontoc, Nicola Crawhall
October 5, 2023 12:42pm – 1:04pm (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Wayne Miranda (Chair); Tamar Heisler, Kirk Johnson, Mike Layton, Ryan Ness, Rosemarie Powell, Lindsay Wiginton <i>Not Present:</i> Erika Lontoc, Nicola Crawhall, Ali Hoss

Also present – Non-members

TAF Board of Directors

Dan Zilnik
Parminder Sandhu

TAF Staff

Julia Langer - CEO
Bryan Purcell - VP, Policy and Programs
Fatima Crerar - VP, Strategy and Partnerships
Aakash Harpalani – Director, Clean Energy
Ian Klesmer - Director, Strategy and Grants
Ekaterina Tzekova – Director, Research and Innovation
Crystal Crawford – Office Coordinator
Siddharth Chatpalliwar – Senior Grants Manager