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RE: Amherst hands out Community Support Grants to 21 local organizations

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – More than \$84,000 in Community Support Grants were handed out by the Town of Amherst to 21 local organizations during a ceremony at town hall on June 20.

“Amherst wouldn’t function without these very active community organizations. Their work, whether with children or adults, is priceless to this community,” Mayor David Kogon said prior to handing out the grants.

“The groups here today truly help make Amherst a great place to live, work and play.”

Kogon noted the town always receives more requests than it can fulfill.

“We would really like to do more, but budgetary constraints prevent us from doing so,” he said.

Receiving Community Support Grants were:

- Amherst Little League Baseball Association, \$2,000 to support its T-ball and Little League programs, which they offer to area children at no costs.
- Autumn House, \$10,000, to assist them in their efforts to support victims of family violence.
- Cumberland Early Intervention, \$500, to help them promote potential in families that



Figure 1 Amherst Little League representative Gerry Cormier receives a \$1,500 Community Support Grant from Amherst Mayor David Kogon. The Amherst Little League was one of 21 organizations to receive a Community Support Grant from the Town of Amherst. (Town of Amherst photo)



have children with special needs or behavioural challenges.

- Amherst Food Assistance Network, \$2,000 to assist them in providing food to needy residents.
- L.A. Animal Shelter, \$12,500, to assist them in caring for stray and abandoned pets.
- Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County, \$500, to assist them promote informed, responsible attitudes towards sexuality.
- Amherst Minor Basketball, \$300, to assist them in staging a coaching clinic.
- Showcase Productions, \$1,000, to assist them stage a summer theatre music camp.
- Canadian Cancer Society – Relay for Life, \$1,800, to cover the stadium rental for the Relay for Life.
- Maritime Mosaic, \$1,500, to assist them with the Dayle’s Block Party concert at the Amherst Curling Club.
- Maggie’s Place, \$3,630, to assist them with a cooking program for dads.
- Fibre Arts Festival Society, \$3,000, to help them stage the Fibre Arts Festival.
- Bordertown Biker Bash Committee, \$3,000, to help operate the Biker Bash Festival.
- Cumberland Y Service Club, \$2,000, to help run the Cross Border Challenge.
- Cumberland County Seniors Safety, \$6,500, in support of their senior safety program.
- Cumberland County Museum, \$4,000, to assist in the installation of a security system at the



Cumberland Health Care representatives Katherine Hatheway and Gwenn Kerr receive a \$6,000 Community Support Grant from Coun. Terry Rhindress. (Town of Amherst photo)



Cumberland Early Intervention representative Jilliam Woodwill receives a \$500 Community Support Grant from Deputy-Mayor Sheila Christie. (Town of Amherst photo)



Figure 2Amherst Minor Basketball representative receives a \$300 Community Support Grant from Coun. Darrell Jones. (Town of Amherst photo)



museum.

- Amherst Golf Club, \$1,500, to help reduce fees for their Amherst junior golf program.
- Nova Scotia Community College Make Way Campaign, \$20,000, to help the community college provide assistance to students in financial need.
- Autism Nova Scotia, \$950, in support of their Walk for Autism.
- Cumberland Health Care Auxiliary, \$500, to assist with the Highland Fling.
- Cumberland Health Care Foundation, \$6,000, to help with their walking track and the adult prom.

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