



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 12, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace
Tim Rissesco
Ross Jefferson
Roberta Dexter-Robidoux
Gordon Stewart
Mark Schaay

REGRETS: Alison Gillan

STAFF: Billy Comer, Manager, Events
Shari Dillman, Civic Events Coordinator/Events Grant Administrator
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk
Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The Committee adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 6, 2023

MOVED by Gordon Stewart, seconded by Tim Rissesco

THAT the minutes of March 6, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Ross Jefferson

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation

7.3.1 Canadian Spirit Canoe Championships

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated April 12, 2023

Mark James, Canoe Kayak Canada gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding volunteer opportunities, the outline and purpose of the handbook, features of the PaddleALL boats, vendors and vendor booths, and partnerships with local businesses.

7.3.2 2023 Canadian Women's Amateur Golf Championship

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated April 12, 2023

Mary-Beth McKenna, Golf Canada gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding excursions to other golf courses in Nova Scotia, the proposed location of the championship, the partnership with the Nova Scotia Golf Association, and the progress of Canadian golf and women's golf overall.

7.3.3 Unison Festival

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated April 12, 2023

Susan Litke and Adam Reid, Unison Choruses Canada gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the planning, duration, and history of the festival, youth involvement in the festival, the rationale for selecting Halifax, festival venue locations, the connection to Discover Halifax, and passes and ticket admissions.

7.3.4 Great Outdoors Comedy Festival

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated April 12, 2023

Taylor Chykerda, Trixstar gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the number of comedy acts and headlining shows, the location, capacity, and setup of the venue, emergency response plans and alternative rain dates, and the difference in admission groups.

7.3.5 Brining the Beach Back Downtown

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated April 12, 2023

Chris Larsen, Sports and Entertainment Atlantic and Jason Trepanier, Volleyball Nova Scotia gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding logistics of moving, placing and transferring the sand, the venue shift from Salter Block to Garrison Grounds, youth involvement and volunteer opportunities.

7.3.6 ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2023

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated April 12, 2023

Jennifer Worthen, ScotDance Nova Scotia Association gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding hotel room bookings and adding performances to Grand Parade and Downtown Dartmouth.

Shari Dillman, Civic Events Coordinator/Events Grant Administrator responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the timeline and approval process of the grants.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF – NONE

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 10, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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Lama Farhat
Legislative Assistant