



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
August 14, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair  
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair  
Alison Gillan  
Ross Jefferson  
Natasha Chestnut

**REGRETS:** Councillor Pam Lovelace  
Tim Rissesco  
Roberta Dexter Robidoux

**STAFF:** Billy Comer, Manager, Events  
Shari Dillman, Events Grant Administrator  
Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant  
Elizabeth Macdonald, 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](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., and the Committee adjourned at 11:05 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 – April 10, 2024**

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Natasha Chestnut

**THAT the minutes of April 10, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Ross Jefferson, seconded by Councillor Morse

**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 Presentations**

**7.3.1 NOWADAYS Music and Culture Festival**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated August 14, 2024
- Handout dated August 14, 2024

Sarah Swire, Creative Producer and Andrew Neville, Board Member, NOWADAYS Music and Culture Festival gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**7.3.2 2024 U SPORTS Women's Soccer Championships**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated August 14, 2024

Tim Maloney, Assistant Vice–President Athletics and Ancillary Services and Chelsea Norris, Senior Manager Marketing Communications and Events, Dalhousie University gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 2024/25 MLSER 2<sup>nd</sup> Intake Report**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated July 12, 2024

Shari Dillman, Events Grant Administrator spoke to the report and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the scoring and evaluation process of Marking Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) evaluation criteria for new & emerging events.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Ross Jefferson

**THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve total funding in the amount of \$17,500 from the Community and Events Reserve (Q621), as shown in Table 1 of the staff report dated July 12, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 6, 2024**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku  
Legislative Assistant