



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
March 27, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair  
Councillor Billy Gillis, Vice Chair  
Councillor Laura White  
Jeff Ransome  
Ross Jefferson  
Leah Batstone  
Sue Uteck

**REGRETS:** Alison Gillan  
Natasha Chestnut

**STAFF:** Billy Comer, Manager, Events  
Shari Dillman, Events Grant Administrator  
Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:36 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 – August 14, 2024**

MOVED by Ross Jefferson, seconded by Councillor Gillis

**THAT the minutes of August 14, 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 Councillor White, seconded by Jeff Ransome

**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 2025 Baseball Canada 22U Championships**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Paul Arsenault representative from 22U Renegades Baseball Society gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

#### **7.3.2 Festival of Rings**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Theresa Breen representative from Nova Scotia Curling Association gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

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### **7.3.3 Lacrosse Canada Men's Field National Championships**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Donna Goguen representative from 2025 Lacrosse Nova Scotia gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

### **7.3.4 Lacrosse Canada Minor Box National Championships**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Donna Goguen representative from 2025 Lacrosse Nova Scotia gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

### **7.3.5 Halifax Open Volleyball Challenge**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Chris Larsen and Paul Richer representatives from Volleyball Nova Scotia gave a presentation

Jason Trepanier, Executive Director of Volleyball Nova Scotia, Larsen and Richer responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

### **7.3.6 Halifax Pride Festival**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Fiona Kerr and Connor McKiggan representatives from Halifax Pride Society gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

## **9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

### **9.1 STAFF**

#### **9.1.1 Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated March 27, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Ross Jefferson

**THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2025 Special Events Advisory Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 30, 2025**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku  
Legislative Assistant