



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 30, 2025**

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

REGRETS: Alison Gillan

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

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 9:34 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 27, 2025

MOVED by Sue Uteck, seconded by Jeff Ransome

THAT the minutes of March 27, 2025 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 Gillis

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 – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Orientation, Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants Scoring

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated April 30, 2025
- Handout dated April 30, 2025

Shari Dillman, Events Grant Administrator gave a presentation.

Dillman and Billy Comer, Manager, Events responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.2 Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants 2025 Report

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated April 30, 2025

MOVED by Sue Uteck, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the total funding in the amount of \$833,000 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621, as shown in Table 2 of the staff report dated March 5, 2025;**
- 2. Pending final approval of the 2026/2027 budget, approve \$738,000 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621, as shown in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated March 5, 2025;**
- 3. Pending final approval of the 2027/2028 budget, approve \$738,000 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621, as shown in Attachment 3;**
- 4. Pending final approval of the 2028/2029 budget, approve \$10,000 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621, as shown in Attachment 3; and**
- 5. Pending final approval of the 2029/2030 budget, approve \$10,000 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621, as shown in Attachment 3.**

Shari Dillman, Events Grant Administrator and Billy Comer, Manager, Events responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 11, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant