



**HALIFAX EXPLOSION 100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 16, 2017**

PRESENT: Craig Walkington, Chair
Pat Jessup, Vice Chair
Marilyn Elliott
David Sutherland
William Robinson-Mushkat
Renee Gruszecki
Dan O'Brien

REGRETS: Barry Cahill

OTHERS: Councillor Lindell Smith

STAFF: Kellie MacIvor, Cultural Asset Manager; Parks, Recreation and Communities
Sharon Chase, Legislative Support; Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm at the HRM Municipal Archives, 81 Ilsley Avenue, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –June 29, 2017

The minutes were amended per Renee Gruszecki's input. The beginning sentence of the third paragraph in 9.1 should be included which reads:

Renee Gruszecki requested information from staff with regard to the communication strategy relating to the anniversary.

MOVED by Pat Jessup, seconded by William Robinson-Mushkat

THAT the minutes of June 29, 2017 be approved as amended.

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

MOVED by Renee Gruszecki, seconded by David Sutherland

THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.

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4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Update- Creation of Halifax Explosion Commemorative Coin

Kelly MacIvor, Cultural Asset Manager, reported that Rideau Recognition is now working on the design renderings and will then determine the costing. They will bring this information to the next meeting.

4.2 Update – Number of self-identified survivors identified

Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant, provided this information via email. The number of self-identified survivors is 19.

4.3 Update – Status of official letters

Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant, provided this information via email. The letters have been requested by the Mayor and should be received by November 1, 2017.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS- NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS- NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

7.1.1 From Kjetil Saugestad, NRK P2, Norway, dated June 29, 2017 (update)

This email was shared providing an update to the Committee. No further action was required.

7.1.2 From Joyce Baxter, Secretary, Nursing History Nova Scotia, dated July 9, 2017

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager Culture and Events, has asked Andrew Cox to follow up and work with this group.

7.1.3 From Tracey Lothian, MacIntyre Purcell Publishing, dated July 31, 2017

The Committee requested that the Legislative Assistant respond with an acknowledgement and refer them to the Halifax Central Library and the Halifax Regional School Board as the appropriate audience for this book.

7.1.4 From Kenneth Ainsworth, dated August 2, 2017

Kenneth Ainsworth was present at the meeting. The Committee agreed to hear from Kenneth Ainsworth who provided a brief summary of their idea to organise and run a reconstruction and re-enactment of the Disaster Relief Train from Boston to Halifax. They asked that HRM and the Committee encourage the facilitating of this re-enactment.

The Committee discussed challenges around timing and the costs involved, noting that this was a novel idea. It was agreed that it should be referred to Special Events staff to investigate for viability. It was also noted that this was one of many outside contributions to the disaster relief and that it would be important to also acknowledge the many local communities who also responded.

7.2 Petitions – NONE

7.3 Presentations - NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF- NONE

9.2 COMMITTEE- NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS- NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 3-5pm, NSCC IT Campus, 5685 Leeds Street, Halifax

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Sharon Chase
Legislative Support