



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MINUTES
March 13, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Steve Adams, Chair
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Jeff Ransome
Ross Jefferson
Alison Gillan
Ken Bagnell

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Vice Chair
Bruce Holland
Gordon Stewart

STAFF: Christine Buckley, Civic Events Coordinator
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Steve Adams called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2019

MOVED by Ken Bagnell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of February 20, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

Item No. 10.1 - Presentations for Next Meeting

The Committee agreed by consensus to move Item No. 7.3.4 Atlantic Indigenous Games as the first item of business.

MOVED by Alison Gillan, seconded by Ross Jefferson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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 Rugby Festival & International Men's Rugby Match

Chris Larsen, of Sports and Entertainment Atlantic provided a presentation on the 2019 Rugby Festival and International Men's Rugby Match which will be hosted in Halifax on June 28-30, 2019. Larsen advised that the Rugby Festival & International Men's match consists of youth rugby teams from across Eastern Canada to compete in a weekend five-day tournament finishing at the Wanderers Grounds. The youth teams will stay in Wolfville during the week. The tournament will also host two international senior men's rugby teams who will stay in Halifax for four days.

In response to questions from the Committee, Larsen noted that Rugby Canada is still working on the teams that will participate in Rugby Match noting that the interest level for the event is high.

7.3.2 Soccer Festival & Professional Soccer Friendly

Chris Larsen, of Sports and Entertainment Atlantic provided a presentation on the Soccer Festival & Professional Soccer Friendly tournament that will be played at Acadia University and in Halifax. The teams will compete at Acadia University for the round robin and semi-final games, then come to Halifax to attend a soccer friendly and compete in the Championship game at the Halifax Wanders Grounds. In addition to the youth teams, the tournament will invite 30 international athletes to participate in a post-match event.

In response to questions from the Committee, Larsen advised that the athletes will stay in HRM for a four-day period. Larsen further advised that there is not a specific number on the amount of HRM room nights, but that information would be shared with the committee once available.

7.3.3 Field Lacrosse Festival & International Professional Field Lacrosse

Chris Larsen, of Sports and Entertainment Atlantic provided a presentation on the Field Lacrosse Festival and International Professional Field Lacrosse 5-day tournament being held in Wolfville and HRM. The first 3 days the teams will stay in Wolfville, and then travel to Halifax to compete on the HRM Wanders Grounds. In addition to the youth teams, the tournament will invite two professional lacrosse teams to play a match in Halifax. These athletes will stay in Halifax for a 4-day period.

7.3.4 Atlantic Indigenous Games

Ryan Francis, of the Atlantic Indigenous Games provided a presentation respecting the 2019 Atlantic Indigenous Games being hosted in Halifax July 11-14, 2019. The Atlantic Indigenous Games will host a multi-sport event that will bring together approximately 400 Indigenous athletes from across the Atlantic provinces to compete and represent their province. Sports will include Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Beach Volleyball and Volleyball. Each sport will have a male and female category. The Atlantic Winter Games will coincide with the 2020 North American Indigenous Games Celebration

In response to a question from the Committee, Francis noted that most of the athletes participating in the games are coming from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Francis further noted that some participants will be travelling from other areas in Canada including a small contingent from Nunavut.

7.3.5 Canoe 22

Andrew Russell, Executive Director, Atlantic Division Canoe Kayak Canada provided a presentation on the 2022 World Championships and World Masters Championships. Russell noted that the event will feature the best flatwater canoe and kayak athlete from all around the world from up to 90 countries which will take place on Lake Banook and feature five days of formal competition. The event will also offer opportunities to highlight best practices from around the world and involves training and development opportunities for officials, volunteers, athletes and coaches in both able-bodied and Paracanoe.

In response to questions from the Committee, Russell provided commentary on the budget required to host the event at Lake Banook and shared experiences from the previous time the event was hosted in Dartmouth in 2009.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Staff Presentation – Special Events Task Force Update

The following was before the committee:

- A staff presentation dated March 13, 2019

Andrew Cox, Coordinator, Civic Events & Festivals and Staff Sgt. Scott MacDonald, Halifax Regional Police provided a presentation on the Special Events Task Force. Cox and MacDonald provided an overview of the task force, its members and member organizations, and the process that are in place to evaluate special event applications and the municipal resources that are required to host them.

In response to a question from the Committee, Cox advised that the annual average municipal service costs related to special events are in the \$300,000 to \$350,000 range. In response to a follow up question, MacDonald advised that Halifax Regional Police resources are only used when it is necessary to do so.

9.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Presentations for Next Meeting

The Committee discussed an opportunity to receive a presentation from Discover Halifax to gain a further understanding of the organization's resources, mandate and relationship with HRM as it relates to special events. The Committee further discussed an opportunity to receive a presentation from the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia to gain a further understanding of the organization, its mandate and relationship with HRM as it pertains to special events.

MOVED by Ken Bagnell, seconded by Ross Jefferson

THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee receive presentations from Discover Halifax and the Hotels Association at its next meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 17, 2019

The Committee agreed by consensus to investigate moving the next meeting to April 24, providing that quorum can be met.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant