



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 8, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair  
Councillor Tony Mancini, Vice Chair  
Todd Brayman  
Alison Gillan  
Ross Jefferson  
Tim Rissesco  
Gordon Stewart  
Councillor Kathryn Morse

REGRETS: Mark Schaay

STAFF: Elizabeth Taylor, Manager Culture & Events  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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

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*The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 a.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 – May 11, 2022**

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Alison Gillan

**THAT the minutes of May 11, 2022 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 Todd Brayman

**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**

Tim Rissesco declared a conflict of interest for Item 9.1.1.

**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**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 2022 Pan American Canoe Championships Funding Request**

Tim Rissesco was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared a conflict interest pertaining to their involvement with a partner event.

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 19, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Morse

**That the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council approve an event grant in the amount of \$10,000, from the 2022/2023 Community and Events Reserve Q621, to**

**fund the 2022 Pan American Canoe Championships.**

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager Culture & Events responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Tim Rissesco rejoined the meeting at this time.

**9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

**9.2.1 Alison Gillan – Halifax Partnership**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated June 8, 2022

Alison Gillan, Vice President of Marketing, Halifax Partnership gave a presentation on the Halifax Partnership and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the number of businesses that came to HRM since COVID 19, what issues may prevent a business from not choosing Halifax, what issues affect HRM's labour force pool, and ideas for attracting and retaining youth to HRM.

**9.2.2 Tim Rissesco – Business Improvement Districts**

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated June 8, 2022

Tim Rissesco, Downtown Dartmouth Business Improvement District gave a presentation on HRM's Business Improvement Districts and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding issues in downtown Dartmouth, how a local business association can become a business improvement district recognized by HRM, and what funding supports are available to assist a business association in forming a business improvement district.

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 13, 2022 (if required)**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood  
Legislative Assistant