



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT 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

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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 in the matter.

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 19, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Morse

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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