



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
August 24, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Tim Rissesco
Mark Schaay
Councillor Kathryn Morse

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

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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 10:26 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 – July 13, 2022

MOVED by Gordon Stewart, seconded by Ross Jefferson

THAT the minutes of July 13, 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 Alison Gillan, 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 – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentations

7.3.1 Presentation – 2022 Sports Cross Country National Championships – Saint Mary's University Department of Athletics & Recreation

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated August 23, 2022
- Presentation dated August 24, 2022

Greg Knight, Assistant Director Saint Mary's University Department of Athletics and Recreation gave a presentation on the 2022 U Sports Cross Country National Championships and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Knight advised the Committee that any financial losses incurred in hosting the event would be assumed by the host university athletic departments and that Halifax would most likely be selected as host city for a replacement event if the 2022 event is canceled or delayed.

7.3.2 Presentation – 2024 JUNO Awards – Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences

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- Presentation dated August 24, 2022

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Allan Reid, President/Chief Executive Officer, The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) and MusiCounts and Céline Séguin Vice President, Business Administration, CARAS and MusiCounts gave a presentation on the 2024 JUNO Awards and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Reid and Séguin advised the Committee that CARAS works with members of a host committee to define local objectives and select event venues for JUNOs week and the CARAS board will be meeting on September 20, 2022 to evaluate Halifax's 2024 JUNO Awards hosting bid.

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events responded to questions of clarification from the Committee advising that the operational budget for the JUNOs is the responsibility of the host committee and not the municipality.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 2022 U Sports Cross Country National Championships Funding Request

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated August 16, 2022

MOVED by Ross Jefferson, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an event grant in the amount of \$15,000, from the 2022/2023 Community and Events Reserve, Q621, to fund Saint Mary's University for the 2022 U Sports Cross Country National Championships event contingent on the in-person event taking place.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Major Hosting Bid - JUNO Awards 2024 Funding Report

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated August 16, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Gordon Stewart

THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve a contribution, in the amount of \$750,000, to The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) for hosting rights to host the 2024 JUNO Awards contingent on Halifax being selected as the host city.

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events responded to questions of clarification from the Committee advising that the funding of the 2024 JUNO hosting rights fee would come from the current fiscal year's budget leaving \$100,000 to fund other event requests, and that CARAS is expected to announce the 2024 JUNO host city decision in early October.

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9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 14, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant