



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
June 11, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Billy Gillis, Vice Chair
Councillor Laura White
Ross Jefferson
Natasha Chestnut

REGRETS: Alison Gillan
Leah Batstone
Jeff Ransome
Sue Uteck

STAFF: Billy Comer, Manager, Events
Shari Dillman, Events Grant Administrator
Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 – April 30, 2025

MOVED by Ross Jefferson, seconded by Natasha Chestnut

THAT the minutes of April 30, 2025 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 Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Gillis

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 Presentation

7.3.1 Regional Event Strategy Update

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated June 11, 2025
- Handout dated June 11, 2025

Mark Teeple, Vice President Festivals & Events, Representative of Discover Halifax gave a presentation.

Billy Comer, Manager, Events and Teeple responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 13, 2025

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12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant