



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 15, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair  
Councillor Billy Gillis, Vice Chair  
Councillor Laura White  
Jeff Ransome  
Leah Batstone  
Ross Jefferson  
Sue Uteck

**REGRETS:** Alison Gillan  
Natasha Chestnut

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

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Jeff Ransome, seconded by Leah Batstone

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **4. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

MOVED by Ross Jefferson, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT Special Events Advisory Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 4.1. PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **4.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Special Events Advisory Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated November 10, 2025
- Private and confidential handout

MOVED by Councillor Billy, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 10, 2025; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated November 10, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku  
Legislative Assistant