



**SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
May 8, 2026**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Billy Gillis, Vice Chair
Gordon Stevens
Jeff Ransome
Leah Batstone
Natasha Chestnut
Sue Uteck

REGRETS: Councillor Laura White
Ross Jefferson

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 1:02 p.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 Councillor Gillis, 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 Councillor Gillis, seconded by Gordon Stevens

THAT Special Events Advisory Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 4.1 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.1 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Halifax Regional Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated May 7, 2026

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

MOVED by Gordon Stevens, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated May 7, 2026; and

2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated May 7, 2026 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant