

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**February 17, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Uteck  
Gordon Morgan  
Andrew Inch  
Margie Clow-Bohan  
Shahin Sayadi  
Councillor Streach

**REGRETS:** Betty Thomas  
Mike Laleune  
Paul Greenhalgh  
Gary Vermier (abscent)

**STAFF:** Holly Richardson,  
Stephanie Parsons, Legislative Assistant

Councillor Uteck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. in the Media Room, City Hall without a quorum being present.

Councillor Uteck advised the Committee that the Cultural Plan will be going to Committee of the Whole on February 28, 2006 with a recommendation to approve the Cultural Plan.

A general discussion ensued and the Committee discussed the items on the agenda.

In response to Mr. Sayadi's suggestion that the mandate of the Committee be extended until a new committee is formed the following was noted:

- C Ms. Richardson commented that once Council approves the Cultural Plan the mandate of this Committee is complete. If Council chooses to approve the recommendation to create a new committee, that committee would review the new governance structure.
- C Councillor Uteck advised that if the Committee agrees she can bring forward that recommendation.
- C Councillor Streach commented that Council has already decided that when the plan is delivered the current Committees mandate would be complete. Once the document is brought to Council, it becomes the Council's document.
- C Mr. Morgan commented that there is nothing that precludes the current membership from applying to be a member on the new committee.

**Item 6.1 and Item 6.2**

A discussion ensued regarding a letter dated February 13, 2006 submitted by Mr. Paul Robinson, Dartmouth, the following was noted:

- C Ms. Clow- Bohan commented that it appears that the comments are from an academic point of view, she agrees that the grammar should be corrected.
- C Ms. Richardson commented that the Cultural Plan is not an academic paper, however if there are grammatical errors and factual errors she will ensure they addressed. She will review all of the concerns outlined in the letters. If there is a need for revisions based on these comments she suggested that rather than reprinting the Cultural Plan for circulation to Council that she would submit a memo outlining those changes.

Councillor Streach left the meeting at 11:30.

**Item 7.1 Council Report**

A brief discussion ensued regarding the Committee of the Whole Process and the committee's role.

Mr. Inch arrived at 11:56, and Councillor Streach reentered the meeting at 11:58. With a quorum now present the following motion was placed:

**MOVED by, Councillor Streach, seconded by Mr. Morgan that the Cultural Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the Draft Cultural Plan dated February 7, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item 7.2 CAC Wrap-up**

Councillor Uteck informed the Committee that discussions regarding a formal reception to launch the Cultural Plan are taking place. The Legislative Assistant will contact the members and advise them of the date and time. Any suggestions in regards to launching the Cultural Plan are welcome.

**Item 3 Approval of the Minutes**

**MOVED by, Mr. Morgan, Second by Mr. Sayadi that the minutes of January 20, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Stephanie Parsons  
Legislative Assistant