

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 12, 2008

PRESENT: Mr. Douglas MacDonald, Vice-Chair
Mr. Joe Gillivan, Hotel Association of Nova Scotia
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Mr. Bill Mont, Citizen Representative
Councillor Brad Johns
Mayor Peter Kelly
Mr. Brad Smith, Greater Halifax Partnership

REGRETS: Ms. Sally Camus, Cultural Advisory Committee
Mr. Brian Rose, Halifax Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Stuart Jolliffe, Destination Halifax
Ms. June Buchanan, Cultural Advisory Committee

STAFF Mr. Mike Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events & Festivals
Mr. Andrew Cox, Civic Events & Festivals
Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Development
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M.

2. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Councillor Dawn Sloane nominated Councillor Brad Jones as the Chair.

MOVED By Councillor Dawn Sloane, seconded by Mr. Brad Smith, that Councillor Brad Johns be elected as Chair of the Special Events Advisory Committee.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 Presentation: The Halifax Rainmen

A presentation was given for the benefit of the committee, noting the following:

- Mr. Andre Levingston, owner of the Rainmen has shown considerable commitment to HRM and the sport of basketball by the amount of effort, work and financial contributions in bringing this team to the Municipality.
- Games scheduled for St. Mary's University were sold out.
- The Holiday Classic is from December 26-29.
- Tickets are \$5.00 and are targeted towards children.
- Total ask of \$176,900, in return for partnership program between HRM and the Halifax Rainmen and inclusive of benefits associated with 2009 PBL season such as a promotional tool for HRM.

Members of the Rainmen Basketball association were asked to leave while the committee deliberated on their request. They were told that they would be notified later that afternoon.

Discussion ensued with the consensus of the Committee that this was a win-win situation for HRM.

MOVED By Councillor Dawn Sloane seconded by Mr. Brad Smith that Special Events Advisory Committee approve a grant of \$125,000.00 to the Halifax Rainmen. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

4. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

4.1 Special Events Grants Requests

4.1.1 The Halifax Pop Explosion

Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Development gave a verbal update on the ask of the The Halifax Pop Explosion .

MOVED By Councillor Dawn Sloane, seconded by Mr. Joe Gillivan that the Special Events Advisory Board recommend to Region Council that a grant of \$10,000.00 be awarded to the Halifax Pop Explosion from the MLSER (Q315).

4.1.2 Verbal Update - New Years Eve Celebration

Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Development gave a verbal update on the ask of the Verbal Update - New Years Eve Celebration .

MOVED By Mr. Doug MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Dawn Sloane that the Special Events Advisory Board recommend to Region Council that a grant of \$15,000.00 be awarded to the New Year's Eve Celebration from the MLSER (Q315).

4.1.3 VERBAL UPDATE - Democracy 250

Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Development gave a verbal update on the ask of the Verbal Update - Democracy 250 .

Councillor Dawn Sloane advised the Committee that she would not be participating in the discussion nor in the vote on any motion made by the Committee regarding this item due to a conflict of interest.

MOVED By Mr. Doug MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Bill Mont that the Special Events Advisory Board recommend to Region Council that a grant of \$10,000.00 be awarded to the Democracy 250 from the MLSER (Q315).

5. **ADDED ITEMS** - None
6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** -TBD
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.