

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 8, 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Brad Johns, Chair
Mr. Douglas MacDonald, Vice-Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Mr. Brad Smith, Greater Halifax Partnership
Ms. Sally Camus, Cultural Advisory Committee
Mr. Brian Rose, Halifax Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Stuart Jolliffe, Destination Halifax

REGRETS:

Mr. Bill Mont, Citizen Representative
Mr. Joe Gillivan, Hotel Association of Nova Scotia

STAFF

Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Development
Mr. Mike Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events & Festivals
Mr. Andrew Cox, Civic Events Coordinator
Mr. Billy Comer, Civic Events Coordinator
Mr. Grant MacDonald, Events Halifax
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:54 p.m. in the Media Room, 1st Floor City Hall, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 25, 2009

MOVED By Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Brad Smith, that the minutes of March 25, 2009, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: 7.2.3 Delegations - Halifax International Buskers Festival
11.1 Greater Halifax Partnership Representation - Mr. Brad Smith

The Committee approved the order of business as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Approval of the Minutes February 25, 2009

Deferred as the minutes were not available for review.

7.2 Delegations

Presentations for the ICF World Canoe Championships 2009; DND Citadel Hill Rock Fest; and the Halifax International Buskers Festival had been deferred from the March 25, 2009 meeting and were now heard by the Committee.

7.2.1 ICF World Canoe 2009

Councillor Johns, Chair, explained the procedure for presentations advising that ten

minutes were provided for the presentation followed by ten minutes of questions from the Committee members. He noted that the Presenters would be contacted at a later date in regard to the Committee's decision.

Mr. Frank Garner, General Manager, and Ms. Sharon Guthro, Project Manager, presented. Additional documentation on the event was circulated to Committee members at this time. The following points were raised during the presentation:

- 90 countries were expected to participate in the ICF World Canoe Championships.
- The event would be a free, non-gated event. A few choice seats at the finish line will be given to sponsors.
- It will be the largest international event ever hosted in Nova Scotia.
- It is expected that more than \$23 million in economic activity will be generated.
- The event has accelerated the Lake Banook Master Plan; specifically the sections pertaining to canoe racing.
- Tourism Draw: 35% of spectators will be from outside the HRM; 7% of spectators will be from outside Nova Scotia; 3% of spectators will be from outside Canada.
- There is a Sponsorship agreement with Metro Transit in regard to transit service for athletes to the events (shuttle). Prince Albert Road will be blocked off and Mic Mac Mall has agreed to partner and allow parking at their site with a shuttle service being provided. This sponsorship takes the event to another level due to easy transit and no parking concerns.
- Discussions are underway with Halifax Water to provide potable tapped water around the site.
- There is potential for a partnership to obtain reusable water bottles (steel) that will be provided to athletes which will eliminate 100,000 bottles.
- Security: Halifax Regional Police are leading the Security Committee. Private and Volunteer security will also be on hand as well as non-uniform police.
- Operating Budget: over \$6.6 million - mostly for special events, Protocol Committee and the festival.
- Infrastructure related to the Lake Banook Master Plan will add another \$1.2 million.
- The event will leave a legacy of over \$2 million to Lake Banook and Nova Scotia.

Mr. Garner and Ms. Guthro responded to comments/concerns of the Committee members as follows:

- Agenda Managers, an outside agency, will be managing the event.
- Incremental costs of running the festival, approximately \$200,000 - \$250,000, include grandstand seating/stage and outdoor environment along Prince Albert Road. The entertainment budget includes the hosting of events for the ICF Officials and Sponsors such as the Opening Reception.
- The net outcome is to break even; the event is being operated at a balance. Some

- years have seen a \$440,000 net profit while others have seen a \$440,000 net loss.
- A Funfest will be held in the Banook Canoe Club area; Aliant will setup an interactive display for children. It is important to attract children to the event as they are the future athletes.
- The entertainment will be local talent as it is a good means to promote Nova Scotia to the various countries participating.
- Infrastructure from the Master Plan being completed in time for this event include: general beautification of Dartmouth; paving of Mic Mac Boat Club parking; improvements to the corner of Hawthorne and Prince Albert Road.
- A grant from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) will assist with other upgrades such as buoys and a new Judge's stand.
- An Aliant High Performance centre will be left as a legacy piece for canoeing events.
- Event planning is on time with the work already done to support the actual course.
- Revenue for lodging is an in/out type of revenue as the athletes pay for lodging and then the hotels/others are paid from those funds. The expenses would be under the Operations and Logistics portion of the budget. Most of the athletes will stay at Dalhousie University, Holiday Inn Harbourview, Ramada Inn and the Best Western in Dartmouth.

Councillor Johns, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the presenters.

Decision on this item was dealt with under Item 7.3.1. See page 12.

7.2.2 DND Citadel Hill Support The Troops Rock Concert

Captain John Newton, Base Commander, Mr. Frank Cleyson, Event Organizer, Ms. Lyn Devereaux, Communications Manager, presented.

Councillor Johns, Chair, explained the procedure for presentations advising that ten minutes were provided for the presentation followed by ten minutes of questions from the Committee members. He noted that the Presenters would be contacted at a later date in regard to the Committee's decision.

Mr. Frank Cleyson explained that the intent was to organize a festival style rock concert on Citadel Hill in recognition of the troops and their families; to connect with the community; and celebrate Natal Day. The event would also be an outreach program for Military Personnel serving overseas as a professional video of the event will be shown to those troops including messages from family. Further highlights from the presentation are

as follows:

- The event is expected to attract an audience of 15,000 - 20,000 spectators.
- It will be open to the general public with tickets from \$65 (General Admission) to \$175 (VIP).
- A number of bands will be participating in the event such as Sloan/Chicken Foot.
- There will be a rock band competition with the winner receiving a paid gig and \$5,000 worth of studio time.
- It will be a licensed event.
- Bus tours and visitor packages are being offered.
- This will be a good opportunity for the community to celebrate with their military neighbours.
- The event organizers will work with the Natal Day Committee to contribute to those events such as assisting with a pancake breakfast.
- An extensive marketing campaign throughout the Maritimes and Newfoundland has been arranged.
- Tickets go on sale Tuesday, April 14th.

Ms. Sally Camus entered the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

The Presenters responded to questions of the Committee as follows:

- Approximately 150 hotel rooms would be booked with an additional 100 rooms on hold for the event; considering double occupancy, it would be a draw of 200-500 people.
- The event is expected to sell out.
- Bussed groups will be coming from areas such as Gagetown, St. Johns, Mirimachi, Bathurst, New Brunswick; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Cape Breton, New Glasgow and the Annapolis Valley (Greenwood), Nova Scotia.
- The event has been fully endorsed by the Department of National Defence.
- The event is expected to break even; any profit will be put toward future events.

Captain Newton explained that the DSP runs a Golf Club and Auto Club that are managed to assist with programming such as this event. He also noted that there would be many significant military events coming forward in 2009 such as the Consecration of the Queen's Colours, Dockyard 250 as well as the Tall Ships.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the presenters.

Decision on this item was dealt with under Item 7.3.1. See page 12.

7.2.3 Halifax International Buskers Festival

Councillor Johns, Chair, explained the procedure for presentations advising that ten minutes were provided for the presentation followed by ten minutes of questions from the Committee members. He noted that the Presenters would be contacted at a later date in regard to the Committee's decision.

Mr. John Cavill, President, and Ms. Sue Warren, Representative, Board of Directors, presented on behalf of the Halifax International Buskers Festival. Highlights of their presentation are as follows:

- The event is well attended by the general public.
- 2009 would mark the 23rd year as a Festival.
- Highlights of 2008's goals were: A sustainable Board of Directors created with the addition of a volunteer Legal Advisor. There is a pool of 250 regular volunteers of all ages.
- The event is not gated so it is difficult to determine the number of tourists drawn to the area, however; surveys were completed and the data indicates that approximately 75,000 tourists were drawn to the area for the event and that approximately 500,000+ attended the event over the ten (10) days with 47% from outside HRM. Tourists from outside Canada were estimated at 7%.
- A budget was not available for circulation at this time as they had not been notified of this meeting until late yesterday. They offered to provide an updated budget within 12 hours.
- The promotional campaign, including print and electronic media, was detailed in the information provided.
- The date of the event for 2009 would be August 6-16th which would fall on the heels of the Tall Ships event.
- The waterfront location has given rise to a proposal from Dartmouth Crossing to have some events held at their location which the Board has decided they would not be interested in accommodating this year.
- There would be up to 7 or 8 stages; some with bleachers.
- A workshop was held with various local organizations such as the IWK.
- There is support from other sectors in the community such as the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia (HANS), the Waterfront Development Corporation, Bishops Landing and efforts to expand into the Casino area.
- Their outreach for the event has expanded to areas such as the Sackville Library and Phoenix Youth.
- Major sponsors include HANS, WESTJET who is offering travel and cash donations, Pepsi, HENRY's (digital camera) and AVIS Budget Group.

- The Economic Impact per visitor in 2008 was estimated at \$20 per tourist or approximately \$200,000.
- All obligations from last year were met with only one outstanding bill from a vendor.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Cavill and Ms. Warren provided the following information:

- The Board of Director's is designed as a Not-for-Profit group, however; due to the growth of the event, an Executive Director is needed. The Board manages a "Production House" which must be profitable for the centre to survive. The Committee members have strong backgrounds in areas of expertise such as vending on the waterfront. The Producer does receive a fee with the remainder going through the Society. There is a written contract between the Producer and the Society so that everything remains transparent. The Society is registered with the Registry of Joint Stocks.
- The Producer owns the event. The Society owns the name.
- The event will provide three stream garbage receptacles. They are also working with HRM to encourage people to leave their dogs/pets at home. Consideration is being given to "Pet Poop Stations" with free baggies.
- They are working with Halifax Regional Police in regard to BUSKERS AFTER DARK to alleviate the noise concerns. It is hoped the CASINO would provide an opportunity for after hours or gated events for adults only.

Mr. Jolliffe commented that this was an incredibly important event and encouraged the Non-Profit Society to work with the Producer to take back ownership.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the presenters.

Mr. Jolliffe noted that there was no debt being carried nor were they forecasting a deficit, therefore; the decision on the award could be contingent upon receiving the budget information.

Further discussion on this item would be continued under Item 7.3.2.

The Committee recessed at 2:13 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:23 p.m.

The Committee agreed to deal with Item 7.3.2 at this time.

7.3.2 HRM Hallmark Events and Funding

- A staff report dated February 2, 2009 was before the Committee.

Mr. Whittemore, Manager, Community Development, explained that the options before the Committee were to maintain the status quo; increase the proposed award; or decrease the proposed award based on what was brought forward during the presentations. He reviewed the requests as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2009. He noted that the following proposed Hallmark Events were also to be considered: Halifax Pride; Halifax Greek Fest; SEDMHA although SEDMHA had withdrawn its application for Hallmark Event status for this year but would like to be considered for next year.

In response to Members of the Committee, Mr. Whittemore provided the following information:

- He reviewed/explained the definition of a Hallmark Event.
- He confirmed that there remains \$611,000.00 in uncommitted funding.
- The Halifax International Air Show was no longer considered a Hallmark Event therefore it may be considered for other grants.
- Staff's recommendation was to maintain status quo based on the budget and that the events have satisfied what they set out to do.

Discussion ensued on the definition of Hallmark Events and what criteria should be used to determine an event's status.

Mr. Jolliffe suggested that rather than Hallmark Status being granted by "ask" that there be a review of the current criteria in place to include an assessment of the economic value of the event. He recommended that the Committee maintain the status quo for this year and review the criteria in time for next year's awards.

Councillor Johns inquired whether a Hallmark Event should be one that was unique to Halifax such as the Tattoo which inspires you to think "Halifax".

Ms. Sally Camus advised caution with the wording as one definition would not be able to answer for each event as the events would have to be able to change and fluctuate. The Special Events Advisory Committee would be there to review each event/application. A Hallmark Event should be an event that raised the profile of Halifax. She noted that some events are great revenue generators and some turn out not to be.

Councillor Sloane noted that a Hallmark event could be defined by the following: its

longevity; ability to draw people to Halifax; the type of Nova Scotian or Haligonian spin that could be placed on the event to spotlight Halifax/HRM locally, nationally and internationally.

Mr. Jolliffe commented that events that raise the profile of this destination would be a higher criteria than “uniqueness” so that the event would become somewhat linked to the destination. The International Tattoo is unique and has longevity, the Bluenose Marathon may get there as well. This is the kind of judgement that the Committee/staff should bring to some of these events and ask what is the event’s essence at their core. All demographics have to be reached with these events.

Further discussion was deferred to the April 9th meeting when the Committee would discuss the three proposed Hallmark Events for possible inclusion in the report to Regional Council: Halifax Pride, Halifax Greek Fest and the Halifax International Air Show.

Halifax International Buskers Festival

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Stuart Jolliffe that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the \$50,000 grant to the Halifax International Buskers Festival and that it be held pending delivery and evaluation of their budget. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Bluenose Marathon

MOVED BY Mr. Stuart Jolliffe, seconded by Mr. Brad Smith that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase of \$10,000 to the Bluenose Marathon Event for a total award of \$50,000 due to the increase in policing costs for the event. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Atlantic Jazz Festival

MOVED BY Mr. Stuart Jolliffe, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase of \$15,000 to the Atlantic Jazz Festival grant for a total award of \$40,000 as the event has become a major draw for Halifax. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED BY Mr. Doug MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the seven Hallmarks as presented in the staff report dated February 2, 2009 with the

following amendments:

1. That the Halifax International Busker Festival be awarded \$50,000 and that it be held pending delivery and evaluation of their budget.
2. Approve an increase of \$10,000 for the Bluenose Marathon Event for a total award of \$50,000.
3. Approve an increase of \$15,000 to the Atlantic Jazz Festival for a total award of \$40,000.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Committee agreed to deal with Item 7.3.1 at this time.

7.3.1 Special Events Grant Funding Requests

This item was deferred from the March 25, 2009 meeting.

Upon consideration and review of all presentations and material circulated in relation to the applications, the following motions were put forward by the Committee:

MOVED BY Mr. Doug MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Stuart Jolliffe that the Special Events Advisory Committee request that staff, on a go forward basis, include in the sponsorship contracts the requirement for all successful applicants to acknowledge the source of the grant funding in all media promotion related to the event (ie: in partnership with HRM and HANS through the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Fund). MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

ICF World Canoe Championship 2009

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Doug MacDonald that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the award of \$200,000 to the ICF World Canoe Championship event. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2009 Canadian Senior Baseball

MOVED BY Mr. Doug MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Stuart Jolliffe that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an award of \$8,000 to the 2009 Canadian Senior Baseball Championship.

Councillor Sloane suggested \$10,000 be awarded as it was a national event.

In response to Mr. Stuart as to why staff recommended only \$8,000 when the cap was \$50,000, Mr. Andrew Cox, Coordinator, Civic Events and Festivals, advised that the applicant scored only 51% based on the formula.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Tall Ships 2009

This item was approved in the 2008 budget.

Commons Concert

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Johns that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council consider an expansion of the Commons Concert area to include Citadel Hill and the Garrison Grounds.

Councillor Johns suggested that some of the \$500,000 budgeted for upgrades to make the Commons more concert friendly, be used for the Garrison Grounds and Citadel Hill for unique situations.

Mr. Stuart Jolliffe commented that the issue was more in regard to a broader strategy and whether the city should be involved in such events and whether they want concerts downtown. He explained that promoters have done shows on Citadel Hill in the past and made a profit.

Mr. Doug MacDonald noted that Citadel Hill was under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, not the municipality.

Mr. Jolliffe requested that this item be deferred to the April 9th special meeting for further discussion under the broader Events Strategy for Halifax.

Without a vote being taken on the motion on the floor, the matter was deferred to April 9, 2009.

Freedom 175 Celebration, Symphony Nova Scotia 25th Anniversary Concert, Maritime Fiddle Festival and the Multicultural Festival

MOVED BY Mr. Brad Smith, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the following awards: a grant of \$13,500 to Freedom 175; a grant of \$10,000 to Symphony Nova Scotia; a grant of \$14,000 to the Maritime Fiddle Fest and a grant of \$15,500 to the Multicultural Festival. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Olympic Torch Relay

MOVED BY Mr. Stuart Jolliffe, seconded by Mr. Doug MacDonald that the Special Events Advisory Committee award \$3,000 to the Olympic Torch Relay event.

Upon request of the Committee, Mr. Mike Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events and Festivals, explained that the event involved runners parading the Olympic Torch through the municipality and onto the stage at the Grand Parade in an effort to bring the Olympics to everyone. The only funding being provided to this event by HRM would be that amount awarded from the Special Events Reserve Grant.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

DND Citadel Hill Support the Troops Rock Concert

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase of \$2,000 to the proposed award for a total of \$8,000 for the DND Rock Fest. Having no seconder the MOTION WAS LOST.

MOVED BY Mr. Doug MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Brad Smith that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an award of \$6,000 for the DND Rock Fest.

Mr. Smith commented that the purpose of the event was to celebrate and show support for the troops and their families in the Community. He noted that the Department of National Defence (DND) was part of the community's DNA and was the single largest employer. There was not a person in the community who was not touched in some way by the DND.

Mr. Stuart Jolliffe expressed concern with the military becoming involved in this arena and possibly taking away from major Producers vying for the same market.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

CTV Olympic Celebration

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an award of \$10,000 to the CTV Olympic Celebration event. Having no seconder, the MOTION WAS LOST.

MOVED BY Mr. Brad Smith, seconded by Mr. Stuart Jolliffe that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an award of \$25,000 to the CTV Olympic Celebration event.

The Committee had noted at their March 25, 2009 meeting that the ability of the event to attract the projected number of spectators from outside HRM was questionable due to the Valentine's Day date; that it was being held on a Sunday (a school night); and the lateness of the event (from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.). The Committee had also noted that CTV was a for profit company.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

Mr. Mike Gillett, Coordinator, Civic Events and Festivals, noted two amendments to Table 3 on page 11 of the staff report dated February 13, 2009 as follows:

- That the Winter Regatta be removed as the event did not happen.
- That the Weir Rockin' event, having been moved from the Summer Events and Festivals category, be added and awarded a grant of \$2,000.

MOVED BY Mr. Brad Smith, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve Table 3, page 11 of the staff report dated February 13, 2009, with the following amendments:

1. That the Winter Regatta be removed as the event did not happen.
2. That the Weir Rockin' event, having been moved from the Summer Events and Festivals category, be added to this category and awarded a grant of \$2,000.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

In response to Mr. Jolliffe's concern in regard to infrastructure costs coming out of the Special Events Reserve funding, Mr. Andrew Whitemore, Manager, explained that infrastructure was permitted under the Business Case and Policy approved by Regional Council. He noted that the Grand Parade was now being used for a number of events

which reduced its use as an Events Plaza, therefore; new opportunities had to be found. He noted that HRM's Parks and Recreation staff were also putting money into infrastructure under Capital Infrastructure projects.

MOVED BY Mr. Doug MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that this item be deferred to the April 9, 2009 meeting for further discussion. MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Stuart Jolliffe left the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Atlantic Comedy Festival

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane that the grant to the Atlantic Comedy Festival be increased to \$4,000.

Mr. Gillet explained that HRM had been advised to go forward with only 50% of the provincial funding which, pending provincial budget approval, was \$10,000. With the recent amendments to remove the Winter Regatta Event and to add the Weir Rockin' Event, the remaining balance in the fund was \$1,500.

During the ensuing discussion by the Committee, and due to there being no seconder for the motion on the floor, the **MOTION WAS LOST.**

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Brad Smith that the Special Events Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase of \$500 to the Atlantic Comedy Festival Event grant for a total award of \$3,500. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Doug MacDonald left the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

7.3.2 HRM Hallmark Event Grant Renewals

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 9.

7.4 Delegations

Budget information relating to each Delegate who presented at the March 25, 2009 meeting was before the Committee and considered under Items 7.3.1 and 7.3.2.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions - None

8.3 Delegations

This item was dealt with under 7.2.3. See page 7.

9. REPORTS - NONE

10. MOTIONS - NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Greater Halifax Partnership Representation

Mr. Brad Smith, Greater Halifax Partnership Representative on the Special Events Advisory Committee, advised that he would be leaving the Greater Halifax Partnership to return to private business effective May 4, 2009. He advised that he would discuss with the Committee Chair the Greater Halifax Partnership replacement to the Special Events Advisory Committee.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13.1 Special Meeting - Thursday, April 9, 2009: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Media Room, 1st Floor City Hall, Halifax.

13.2 Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, May 13, 2009, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Media Room, 1st Floor City Hall, Halifax.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Chris Newson

Legislative Assistant