

SPECIAL ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

December 6, 2013

- PRESENT: Mr. Gordon Whittaker, Chair
 Ms. Laura Simpson, Vice Chair
 Councillor Wayne Mason
 Ms. Monique LeBlanc
 Mr. Bruce Johnson
 Ms. Susanne Chui
 Mr. Alex McLean
- REGRETS: Mr. Jonny Stevens
 Ms. Jessica Kerrin
- STAFF: Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Events & Cultural Initiatives
 Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Public Art Facilitator
 Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

Minutes administratively approved

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Ms. Simpson, seconded by Councillor Mason that the minutes of November 15, 2013 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE: None

5. DEFERRED ITEMS: None

6 PRESENTATIONS: None

7 REPORTS:

7.1 Review of Draft Submission.

A draft copy of the Committee's recommendations for HRM arts and culture policy was submitted.

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk was in attendance to provide information to the Committee on the process with regard to their recommendations once the Committee has provided its final approval. She explained that once the Committee endorses its report, it will be provided to staff, and then staff will prepare a report to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CPED) and CPED will provide a recommendation to Regional Council at the time Council considers its budget.

The Chair advised that the Committee has been working on the report, making further revisions, and it is very close to being completed. He added that the intent today is to review and making any further recommendations and have the report ready to be signed.

The Committee then entered a discussion, reviewing and revising the draft report.

Some of the key points raised in the discussion are as follows:

- The report should contain a sentence advising of the last time arts funding was considered.
- Report should highlight municipal funding for the professional arts.
- To note in the report that the Committee is aware that there are Charter issues associated with the recommendations, and that there will need to be ongoing discussion with Legal Services.

- Include two or three paragraphs on Peer Juries and the advantages of such.
- Reference to the creation of the arts committee (Arts HRM) to be put at the beginning of the detailed recommendations, and that by 2017/18 Arts HRM committee should evolve into a non-profit, arms-length arts council
- That Capital expenses should be considered eligible operating expenses
- In the third recommendation regarding HRM as a Creative City, include wording of the role of HRM representing the broader creative community

The Chair advised that the report would be revised and the Committee would meet the following week to finalize the recommendations.

8. ADDED ITEMS: None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 13, 2013

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant