

**CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**August 26, 2005**

**PRESENT:** Betty Thomas  
Shahin Sayadi  
Gordon Morgan  
Margie Clow-Bohan  
Andrew Inch  
Paul Greenhalgh (12:32)  
Mike LaLeune

**REGRETS:** Councillor Uteck  
Councillor Streach  
Elias Metlej  
Dave Roberts  
Jeffery Spalding  
Gary Vermeir

**STAFF  
& OTHERS:** Andrew Whittemore, Executive Assistant CAO  
Holly Richardson, Community Developer, Recreation, Tourism and  
Culture  
Stephanie Parsons, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - August 12, 2005**

There was discussion regarding the third paragraph of the minutes of August 12, 2005 Item 4.1.1 page 6, as to whether or not the rewording of Goal 21 was agreed to as intended. Following the discussion the Committee agreed to add Goal 21 to the agenda for further discussion.

**MOVED BY Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sayadi that the minutes of August 12, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Addition: Goal 21 was added to the agenda.

The Committee agreed to move item 7.1.1 to the first order of business.

**MOVED BY Mr. LaLeune, seconded by Ms. Thomas that the order of business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1.1 Goal Development**

- A revised document entitled Cultural Plan Draft Goals and Objectives dated August 15, 2005 was previously circulated to Committee Members for discussion.

Ms. Richardson advised that the formatting, duplication, items of clarification and gaps identified at the August 12, 2005 meeting have been incorporated into the draft goals and objectives document.

She further advised that there were some issues raised by HRM Departments. She proposed that the Committee focus on the key directions noting that the policy development stage and implementation framework will be more detailed.

**Goal 1 - Objective 4:**

After a brief discussion the Committee agreed to delete objective four.

Mr. LaLeune asked for clarification on the differences between **Goal 10 and Goal 27**. Ms. Richardson advised the Committee that staff would review the Goals.

### **Goal 12 and Goal 13**

Ms. Richardson advised that the staff working on the Immigration Action Plan is recommending the changes indicated in red.

A discussion ensued and the Committee had differing views as to whether or not there should be separate funding programs for aboriginals and visible minorities and whether or not funds should be distributed to organizations.

Ms. Richardson advised that Goal 12 was revised to Goal 13 to include all diverse communities. She further advised that HRM does not have the authority to provide funding directly to individuals. The Municipal Government Act states that the funds must be filtered through an organization. The Committee is suggesting pursuing a change to the Municipal Government Act which can only be done through the Provincial Government. Such a change in legislation would have province wide ramifications. The Committee should recognize the fact that there are other ways that HRM can influence and ensure that aboriginals and visible minorities receive the recognition and support they need by establishing decision making criteria. Goal 13 Objective 2 addresses those issues. Specific criteria will ensure that the investment goes to where it is intended. She noted that those issues would be clarified through policy statements.

After further discussion the following motions were placed:

**MOVED BY Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. LaLeune that Goal 12 be deleted and that the objectives of Goal 12 be added to Goal 13 as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED BY Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sayadi that the Cultural Advisory Committee**

1. **Approve the revised goals and objectives dated August 15, 2005 as amended August 22, 2005.**
  2. **Recommend that Regional Council endorse the Goals and Objectives as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**
5. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS** - None
  6. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** - None
  7. **NEW BUSINESS/ADDED ITEMS**

## **7.1 New Business**

### **7.1.1 Arts Council Research**

- A document entitled Arts Council was circulated to the Committee for information.

Ms. Holly Richardson advised that as a result of previous discussions by the Committee staff has prepared a research document outlining examples of Arts Council models. She further advised that staff is of the opinion that the language at this stage should be fairly general to express the *concept* of an arms length body as opposed to a specific Arts Council. Staff is concerned that this could be a contentious issue. Also, the concept has not been developed enough for staff and the Committee to defend this proposed objective should it be questioned at Council.

A discussion ensued regarding **Goal 1 Objective 3** After several suggestions the Committee agreed to reword the goal as follows: ***“Explore the development of an independent investment and development body in the art’s sector.”***

### **7.1.2 September Focus Groups**

- A document entitled Phase 2 Consultation, Fall 2005 was circulated to the Committee for information

Ms. Richardson provided the Committee with an overview of the Focus Group sessions planned for the week of September 19, 2005. She also advised that staff will bring forward the framework policies and investment framework at the next meeting.

## **7.2 Added Items**

### **7.2.1 Strategic Direction 3 - Goal 20**

After a brief discussion the Committee placed the following motions:

**MOVED BY Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. LaLeune. That Goal 20 Objective 1 shall read as follows “ Increase cultural venue and gathering space (informal and formal) along Halifax Harbour and other HRM coastal areas”. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED BY Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sayadi that the Cultural Advisory Committee**

- 1. Approve the revised goals and objectives dated August 15, 2005 as amended August 22, 2005 and August 26, 2005.**
- 2. Recommend that Regional Council endorse the Goals and Objectives as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 9, 2005

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Stephanie Parson, Legislative Assistant