



**HALIFAX EXPLOSION 100TH ANNIVERSARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 22, 2016**

- PRESENT:** Mr. Craig Walkington, Chair
Ms. Marilyn Elliott
Mr. William Robinson-Mushkat
Mr. Barry Cahill
Mr. Dan O'Brien
Mr. David Sutherland
Councillor Jennifer Watts
- REGRETS:** Ms. Pat Jessup, Vice Chair
Ms. Renee Gruszecki
- STAFF:** Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation
Mr. Billy Comer, Civic Events Coordinator, Parks and Recreation
Mr. Jonathan Wilkie, Marketing Manager, Corporate Communications
Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Tax, Grants & Special Projects
Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events
Ms. Carolle Koziak-Roberts, Landscape Architect, Policy & Planning
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

*The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Advisory Committee are available online:
<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/explosion/160622heaac-agenda.php>*

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m., and adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 18, 2016

It was noted by the L.A. that there was an error in the list of Staff members present and that Ms. Elizabeth Taylor and Mr. Peter Greechan were present at the May 18, 2016 meeting.

MOVED by Mr. William Robinson-Mushkat, seconded by Mr. Barry Cahill

THAT the minutes of May 18, 2016 be approved as amended.

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

Additions:

- 7.1.7 Correspondence from Gary Kissal
- 7.1.8 Correspondence from Aitkens Pewter
- 7.1.9 Correspondence from Linda Moxsom-Skinner

MOVED by Mr. Dan O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Marilyn Elliott

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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2/3 majority required

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 Discussion of Correspondence from Ms. Ella Dodson, distributed at May 18, 2016 meeting of the Halifax Explosion Anniversary Advisory Committee

The following was before the Committee:

- A letter from Ms. Ella Dodson and a response from Ms. Peta-Jane Temple

The Committee reviewed the Staff letter of response to Ms. Dodson and thanked Ms. Peta-Jane Temple for sharing it with Committee members.

- 4.2 Discussion of Fort Needham Interpretive Themes

The following was before the Committee:

- A document entitled Fort Needham Interpretative Themes

Ms. Carolle Koziak-Roberts briefly addressed the Fort Needham Interpretative Themes.

The Committee discussed the document and commented that in 1.2 Subtheme 1. Tragedy and Loss, it would be a good idea to change "Neighbourhoods and peoples lost" to "Neighbourhoods and peoples affected" so as to be inclusive of neighborhoods that may not have sustained casualties, but were undoubtedly affected.

Councillor Watts noted that a better term for “rebound and victory” would be “resilience,” as it is not really appropriate to refer to any element of the disaster as a victory.

Ms. Koziak-Roberts thanked the Committee for their comments and noted that an additional theme is looking not just to the past, but to everything that has come since 1917 and what the relationship to the Halifax Explosion is today.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

7.1.1 Correspondence from Ms. Danette Cathcart

The following was before the Committee:

- An e-mail from Ms. Danette Cathcart

The Committee agreed to refer this matter to the L.A. for a letter of acknowledgement

7.1.2 Correspondence from Ms. Jo-Anne Polak

The following was before the Committee:

- A letter from Ms. Jo-Ann Polak, Vice President, Communications and Public Affairs, Canada Post

The Committee noted that it was great to see that the Halifax Explosion has been added as a commemorative stamp.

7.1.3 Correspondence from Mr. Per Hunstok

The following was before the Committee:

- An e-mail from Mr. Per Hunstok with attached photographs

The Committee agreed to refer this matter to staff and requested that the L.A. bring this correspondence to the attention of the Municipal Archivist, Susan McClure.

7.1.4 Correspondence from Mr. W. Bill Green

The following was before the Committee:

- An e-mail from Mr. W. Bill Green re: A suggestion for a special Halifax/Boston commemorative train trip.

The Committee agreed that it would be best if Mr. Green contacted CN directly and requested that the L.A. respond to his e-mail accordingly.

7.1.5 Correspondence from Mr. Don Brownrigg

The following was before the Committee:

- An e-mail from Mr. Don Brownrigg re: event planning.

The committee agreed to refer this correspondence to Special Events Staff.

7.1.6 Correspondence from Mr. Paul Mattison Davy

The following was before the Committee:

- An e-mail from Mr. Davy re: attendance at the commemorative event.

The Committee requested that the L.A. respond to this e-mail.

7.1.7 Correspondence from Mr. Gary Kissal

The following was before the Committee:

- A copy of a letter from Mr. Gary Kissal, Curator of the Marblehead Dory & Schooner Museum, Marblehead, Massachusetts, address to The Honourable Bruce A. Heyman, American Ambassador to Canada.

The Committee thanked Staff for sharing this correspondence with them.

7.1.8 Correspondence from Aitkens Pewter

The following was before the Committee:

- An e-mail from Ms. Jacquelynn Welsh regarding commemorative pewter.

The Committee requested that the L.A. respond to this e-mail and inform Ms. Welsh that this matter does not fit within their mandate.

7.1.9 Correspondence from Ms. Linda Moxsom

The Committee agreed to refer this to Staff.

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Discussion of Commemorative Emblem

Mr. Jonathan Wilkie, Corporate Communications, gave a brief outline of the timeline for the commemorative emblem and explained that the Committee will have a chance to view the emblem before it goes to testing. Mr. Wilkie commented that the emblem and an accompanying staff report will go to Regional Council in September.

9.2 COMMITTEE

The Committee agreed to discuss the possibility of a time capsule at their September meeting.

MOVED by Ms. Marilyn Elliott, seconded by Mr. Will Robinson-Mushkat

THAT Staff explore the possibility of having the flag at City Hall and at Fort Needham at half-mast on December 6 on an ongoing basis.

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10. ADDED ITEMS

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, September 21, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Room B272, NSCC IT Campus, 5685 Leeds Street, Halifax. A special meeting will be called in July to address the commemorative emblem.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 3:51 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Assistant