



**HALIFAX EXPLOSION 100th ANNIVERSARY
SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 18, 2015**

PRESENT: Mr. Dwight Dorey, Vice Chair
Ms. Pat Jessup
Mr. Jeffry Haggett
Mr. Will Robinson-Mushkat
Mr. David Sutherland
Ms. Renee Gruszecki

REGRETS: Mr. Craig Walkington, Chair
Ms. Marilyn Elliott

STAFF: Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Community Developer, Parks & Recreation
Mr. Peter Greechan, Community Developer, Grants and Contributions
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Support

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

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The meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m. and adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Mr. Jeffry Haggett called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 14, 2015

Ms. Jessup clarified the intent of a question she posed during the discussion of item 6.1.1 at the previous meeting.

MOVED by Mr. Robinson-Mushkat, seconded by Ms. Gruszecki, that the minutes of January 14, 2015, be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

6.1.5 Song and Lyrics from Daniel MacIntyre “The Halifax Explosion Song”

Mr. Dorey entered the meeting. Mr. Haggett passed the Chair to Mr. Dorey, Vice Chair.

MOVED by Mr. Haggett, seconded by Ms. Gruszecki, that the addition of 6.1.5 be accepted to the order of business. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Guiding Principles and Vision Statement – *Update*

The following was before the Committee:

- A recommendation report from the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 26, 2015.
- An excerpt from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Action Summary dated February 12, 2015.

Ms. Weagle informed the Committee that the Guiding Principles and Vision Statement was approved by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on February 12, 2015 and will be used to guide the various components of the Municipal Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Commemorative program.

4.2 Halifax Explosion Emblem – *Update*

The following was before the Committee:

- A recommendation report from the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 26, 2015.
- An excerpt from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Action Summary dated February 12, 2015.

Ms. Weagle informed the Committee that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CPEDSC) approved the recommendation to request a staff report to investigate the design, licensing, and usage of a Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Commemoration emblem. The report will be submitted to the CPEDSC, and forwarded to the Committee.

4.3 Halifax Explosion Commemorative Coin & Stamp – *Update*

The following was before the Committee:

- An excerpt from the Halifax Regional Council Action Summary dated February 3, 2015.

Ms. Weagle informed the Committee that the motion re: contacting Canada Post and the Royal Canadian Mint about a commemorative stamp and coin was approved by Council and work on putting forward that request is already underway by Culture and Heritage staff.

4.4 Discussion about Commemorative Event – Update – Deferred to March 18/15

This discussion was deferred to the March 18, 2015 meeting to allow for the attendance of staff.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

5.1 Grade 5 Grosvenor Wentworth School video production: Halifax Explosion – Pat Jessup

The Committee viewed a video tribute to the Halifax Explosion composed by a Grade 5 class at Grosvenor Wentworth School, brought forward by Pat Jessup.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Correspondence from Chris Godwin, Homegrown, dated January 15, 2015.

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence from Chris Godwin, Homegrown, dated January 15, 2015 re: original composition song “Fire in the Harbour” (*with lyrics*)

The Committee listened to the song and reviewed the lyrics.

This correspondence has been added to the reference table of correspondence and submissions received by the Committee for consideration at a later date.

6.1.2 Correspondence from Annie MacInnis dated January 18, 2015.

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence from Annie MacInnis dated January 18, 2015 re: novel about the Halifax Explosion

This correspondence has been added to the reference table of correspondence and submissions received by the Committee for consideration at a later date.

6.1.3 Correspondence from Tamsyn Brennan, Interim Executive Director, Veith House, dated January 23, 2015.

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence from Tamsyn Brennan, Interim Executive Director, Veith House, dated January 23, 2015 re: Veith House plans for Halifax Explosion 100th anniversary commemoration

This correspondence has been added to the reference table of correspondence and submissions received by the Committee for consideration at a later date.

6.1.4 Correspondence from Barry Cahill dated February 6, 2015.

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence from Barry Cahill dated February 6, 2015 re: renaming “Hydrostone District” to Richmond Heights”

The Committee discussed this idea and suggested that the correspondent may want to bring it to the Councillor for the area as it is outside the Committee’s mandate. The Legislative Assistant indicated she would forward it to staff.

6.1.5 Correspondence from Daniel Macintyre

The following was before the Committee:

- Song lyrics for “The Halifax Explosion Song” from Daniel MacIntyre.

The Committee listened to the song and reviewed the lyrics.

This correspondence has been added to the reference table of correspondence and submissions received by the Committee for consideration at a later date.

6.2 Petitions – None

6.3 Presentations – None

7. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

7.1. STAFF – None

Mr. Greechan advised that Grants and Contributions staff are hoping to have a draft of the proposed grants program ready for the next meeting.

Mr. MacLellan asked the Committee if there was anything specific they would like Ms. Taylor to include in her presentation at the next meeting of the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee. The Committee advised that they would like to know more about the scale of the event, the lead time required for the events connected to the event, and the parameters for the event – generally speaking, the projected “vision and feel of the event.” Mr. MacLellan indicated that he would pass this along to Ms. Taylor.

7.2 COMMITTEE – None

8. ADDED ITEMS - None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Committee agreed that the next meeting be held at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Support

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee Reference Table of Correspondence & Submissions received by the Committee
2. *Metro* article titled “Memorial Planning Well Underway” by Jennifer Taplin