

SPECIAL ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

December 13, 2013

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

***Final meeting of the Committee – Minutes administratively approved***

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at at 8:32 a.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None Available**

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

There were no additions or deletions.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. REPORTS:**

**5.1 Special Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture Report to HRM Staff**

A draft report dated December 13, 2013 entitled, 'Special Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture Report to HRM Staff' was submitted.

The Chair noted that the report encompassed all the Committee's recommendations on HRM arts and culture policy. He advised that if there was consensus among the Committee with the recommendations, then a motion endorsing the report would be appropriate and then it would be signed and forwarded to staff.

The Committee reviewed the report and reference was made to page 9 of the draft report, under the heading Proposed Budget. A brief discussion was held with staff responding to questions. Subsequently, it was agreed that that the amount of 'Transfer from Community Grants' would be revised to \$95,109 (average last four fiscal years) from \$280,000, and the figure for 'Tax Exemption' (\$500,000) would have an asterisk noting that the actual figure is to be confirmed by HRM staff.

**MOVED by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Simpson that the Special Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture endorses the recommendation for HRM arts and culture policy as outline in the report dated December 13, 2013 and recommends that it be forwarded to staff.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Chair expressed appreciation to all members of the Committee and staff for the collaborative work in putting together the report.

**6. ADDED ITEMS- NONE**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant