



**HALIFAX EXPLOSION 100TH ANNIVERSARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 21, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Craig Walkington, Chair
Ms. Marilyn Elliott
Mr. Barry Cahill
Mr. Dan O'Brien
Ms. Pat Jessup, Vice Chair
Ms. Renee Gruszecki
Mr. William Robinson-Mushkat

REGRETS: Mr. David Sutherland

STAFF: Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Marketing Manager, Manager, Culture and Events
Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Assistant

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

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/explosion/index.php>*

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m., and adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 22, 2016 and July 15, 2016

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

THAT the minutes of June 22, 2016 and July 15, 2016 be approved as presented.

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

Additions:

- 10.1 Request for update from Staff regarding 2016 ceremony
- 10.2 Discussion of time capsule planning.

MOVED by Ms. Renee Gruszecki, seconded by Ms. Pat Jessup

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

The Committee acknowledged correspondence from Stella Lord, Chris Colcuzzi, John Bacon, and Katie D. NeuOrgan.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Staff Response to Committee

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor briefly outlined the Staff response to the Committee report. The Chair explained his concerns regarding the staff response, particularly the number of recommendations that were outside the scope of the commemorative program.

The Committee discussed the importance of representing the names of those who were killed or injured during the Halifax Explosion, as well as the difficulty in producing a complete list.

Mr. Jamie MacLellan spoke briefly regarding the project of repairing the bell and tower.

The Committee discussed the importance of a candlelight vigil on the night of December 6, 2017 to allow for a chance to commemorate for those who could not leave work to do so during the work day. Ms.

Taylor agreed explore this idea further and consider the financial implications of such an endeavour as well as potential partnerships.

9.2 COMMITTEE - NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Request for an Update from Staff regarding 2016 ceremony

Ms. Taylor explained that the plan for this ceremony will follow the standard template and that the Councillor for the district will choose who is to speak at the ceremony.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 21, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Room B272, NSCC IT Campus, 5685 Leeds Street, Halifax.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Assistant