



**DISCOVER HALIFAX  
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21,  
Kenneth C. Rowe Hall**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

**In Attendance:**

Member Organizations Represented - 72

Attendance – 126 attendees; inclusive of 24 Discover Halifax staff

1. **Welcome & Call to Order:** Board Chair Doug Townsend welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order, confirming quorum and opening the meeting with a land acknowledgement.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Emily Haynes moved; Jean St-Amand seconded...carried
3. **Approval of Minutes – AGM 2023:** Talha Khan moved; Paul Brigley seconded...carried
4. **Auditor's Report:** A copy of the audited 2024 Financial Statements were included in the 2024 Annual Report available during registration at the AGM. Graham Sweett of Lyle Tilley Davidson presented the auditor's report for the 2024 operating year. There were no questions. Doug called for a motion to approve the Auditor's report.

**Motion to approve the Auditor's report:** Emily Haynes moved; Paul Brigley seconded...carried

5. **Appointment of the Auditors for 2025:** Doug asked for a motion to appoint Lyle Tilley Davidson as the Auditors for 2025.

**Motion to appoint Lyle Tilley Davidson as Auditors for 2025:** Maggie MacDonald moved; Jean St-Amand seconded...carried

6. **Report of the Nominating Committee:** Doug Townsend presented the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

In accordance with the bylaws of Discover Halifax, the Board of Directors is comprised of no less than 12 and no more than 15 Directors.

Compliance has been observed with regard to article 5.03 pertaining to appointed members, 5.04 pertaining to elected members in the category of small accommodation operators, and 5.05 pertaining to members elected from the general membership.

The slate of nominees for election and appointment for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors for Discover Halifax is as follows:

**Currently serving as appointed Directors – Article 5.03**

His Worship, Mayor Andy Fillmore

HRM Chief Administrative Office, to be represented by Maggie MacDonald Executive Director of Parks and Recreation

Councillor Jean St-Amand



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**Directors for election under Article 5.04, for a two-year term**

Dean Leland  
Owner, Oceanstone Resort & Spa, Fo'c'sle Village Pub, Sunroom Restaurant & Inn

**Directors for election under Article 5.05, for a two-year term**

Doug Townsend, Chair  
Co-Owner, The Canteen on Portland

Paul Brigley  
VP, Finance and CFO, Halifax International Airport Authority

Ken Bagnell  
CEO, Canadian Sport Institute Atlantic

Ifeanyi Emesih  
Founder and CEO, My East Coast Experience Media INC  
Tareq Hadhad  
Founder and CEO, Peace by Chocolate

Emily Haynes  
Executive Director, Taste of Nova Scotia

Talha Khan  
General Manager, MUIR Hotel

Ryan Murphy  
President/Owner, Murphy's Camping on the Ocean

**Motion to accept the proposed slate of Directors:** Paul Brigley moved; Emily Haynes seconded...carried

7. **Recognition of Departing Directors:** Doug recognized Patty Cuttell for her service and dedication as a Discover Halifax director and presented her with a gift.
8. **Chair's Address and Remarks:** Doug Townsend addressed attendees prior to adjourning the meeting.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:23 am