



**HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 24, 2026**

PRESENT: Councillor Janet Steele, Chair
Councillor Virginia Hinch, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Kathryn Morse

STAFF: Karen Brown, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 1, 2025

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the minutes of December 1, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. HEARINGS – NONE

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence – None

11.2 Petitions – None

11.3 Presentation – None

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ann Marie Danch, Clayton Park spoke to the maintenance of supplemental education funding for schools within Halifax Regional Centre for Education, including library support specialists and fine arts. Danch responded to questions of clarification from Community Council.

Stephen Secord, Hatchet Lake (District 13) spoke to concerns about the disparity between the Regional Centre Land Use By-law (RCLUB) that permitted chicken coups and prohibitions in suburban land use by-laws, provided a handout and displayed an infographic entitled “One Region. One Standard. A Resilient Future.” for the record. Secord requested by-law harmonization to match the RCLUB and additional by-law standards to allow for backyard farms.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 STAFF

14.1.1 PLANAPP 2023-00408: Development Agreements for multi-lot, mixed used development (known as Regency Links) on lands off Washmill Lake Drive, Halifax

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated February 23, 2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax and West Community Council give notice of motion to consider the proposed Stage 1 and Stage 2 development agreements, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated February 23, 2026, to allow a multi-lot, mixed-use development on lands located off Washmill Lake Drive, Halifax, and schedule a public hearing.

Dean MacDougall, Acting Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from the Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1.2 PLANAPP 2024-00735: Rezoning of Lands at 1246 Ketch Harbour Road (PID 00391169), Ketch Harbour

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated March 6, 2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax and West Community Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendment to Schedule A – Zoning Map of the Planning District 5 (Chebucto Peninsula) Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated March 6, 2026, to rezone 1246 Ketch Harbour Road, Ketch Harbour (PID 00391169) from P-5 (Special Facility) zone to the R-6 (Rural Residential) zone and the C-2 (General Business) zone and schedule a public hearing.

Craig Wournell, Planner III responded to questions of clarification from the Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Community Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated February 19, 2026

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hinch

THAT Halifax and West Community Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 19, 2026; and**

2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 19, 2026 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

18. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 21, 2026

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant