



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
April 4, 2023**

PRESENT:

|              |                     |
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| Mayor        | Mike Savage         |
| Deputy Mayor | Sam Austin          |
| Councillors: | Cathy Deagle Gammon |
|              | David Hendsbee      |
|              | Becky Kent          |
|              | Trish Purdy         |
|              | Tony Mancini        |
|              | Waye Mason          |
|              | Lindell Smith       |
|              | Shawn Cleary        |
|              | Kathryn Morse       |
|              | Patty Cuttell       |
|              | Iona Stoddard       |
|              | Pam Lovelace        |
|              | Lisa Blackburn      |
|              | Paul Russell        |
|              | Tim Outhit          |

STAFF:

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative  
Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer  
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

*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 10:02 a.m., Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:52 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.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.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Marilyn Forrest**

Councillor Deagle Gammon and Mayor Savage recognized Marilyn Forrest, Executive Director, Building Futures Employment Society 30 years of service.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – NONE**

**4. Playing Field Strategy – Deferred from March 21, 2023**

The following was before Committee of the Whole:

- Staff report dated February 16, 2023
- Extract from the March 7, 2023 Regional Council Minutes
- Staff presentation dated April 4, 2023

Richard Harvey, Manager, Policy and Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the Halifax Playing Field Strategy (Attachment A of the staff report dated February 1, 2023) as a guiding municipal document for the planning, programing, and operation of playing fields; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify applicable implementation actions and directions as contained in the Halifax Playing Field Strategy within future business plans.**

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair.

Councillor Blackburn submitted a draft motion, proposing staff prepare a supplemental report in consultation with community baseball associations. The report would outline the Municipality's long-term strategy for growing the number of assets and managing booking challenges.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer recommended Committee of the Whole consider approving the Strategy, advising it would serve as a starting point in developing a plan to address concerns raised by Councillors regarding the current Strategy.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk