



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 19, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith, Vice-Chair
Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Steve Craig
Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Director, Parks and Recreation
Donna Boutilier, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Austin, Chair called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 21, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the minutes of June 21, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

Item No. 15.1 Affordable Housing Work Plan

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee agreed by consensus to move agenda items 10.3.1 and 12.1.1 as the first items of business.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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

8.1 June 21, 2018 - Halifax Green Network Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 12, 2018
- A staff presentation dated July 19, 2018
- A memorandum from the Regional Watersheds Advisory Committee dated July 12, 2018.
- Correspondence dated

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. Authorize the direction contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan, as contained in Attachment A of the June 12, 2018 staff report, as a framework for amending the existing Regional

- Plan and Secondary Planning Strategies, and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Halifax Green Network Plan direction;
2. Direct staff to carry out the actions contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.
 3. Request that the Province amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, as set out in Actions 18 and 61 of the Halifax Green Network Plan, to:
 - (a) enable the Municipality to acquire sensitive environmental lands (e.g. riparian areas, wetlands, steep slopes, etc.) as an environmental reserve through the land development and subdivision process, in addition to existing parkland dedication provisions; and
 - (b) enable a greater range of legislative abilities, such as the ability to enact parkland dedication requirements based on density to address development that does not include the subdivision of land.
 4. Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) to support the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP) by referencing the HGNP within the conservation design development agreement policy criteria concerning the connectivity of open space; and
 5. Adopt, by policy, the Public Participation Program outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated June 12, 2018.

The following amendment was proposed:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Craig

That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request that staff provide annual progress reports on the implementation of the Green Network Plan to Regional Council through the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

1. Authorize the direction contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan, as contained in Attachment A of the June 12, 2018 staff report, as a framework for amending the existing Regional Plan and Secondary Planning Strategies, and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Halifax Green Network Plan direction;
2. Direct staff to carry out the actions contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.
3. Request that the Province amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, as set out in Actions 18 and 61 of the Halifax Green Network Plan, to:
 - (a) enable the Municipality to acquire sensitive environmental lands (e.g. riparian areas, wetlands, steep slopes, etc.) as an environmental reserve through the land development and subdivision process, in addition to existing parkland dedication provisions; and
 - (b) enable a greater range of legislative abilities, such as the ability to enact parkland dedication requirements based on density to address development that does not include the subdivision of land.
4. Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) to support the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP) by referencing the HGNP within the conservation design development agreement policy criteria concerning the connectivity of open space; and

5. Adopt, by policy, the Public Participation Program outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated June 12, 2018.

6. Request that staff provide annual progress reports on the implementation of the Green Network Plan to Regional Council through the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Ben Sivak, Principal Planner advised that staff have worked closely with provincial agencies and external agencies respecting the implementation of the Green Network Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted correspondence received for agenda item 8.1. This correspondence was distributed to members of the Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Jessie Jollymore, Hope Blooms - Hope Blooms Global Kitchen for Social Change

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation from Hope Blooms dated July 19, 2018

Jessie Jollymore of Hope Blooms provided a presentation on it's proposal for a Global Kitchen for Social Changes.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Jollymore advised that Hope Blooms would not wish to alter the existing playground equipment as part of the proposal or expand its gardens.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

That the Community planning and Economic Development Standing Committee;

1. Request a staff report to consider supporting Hope Blooms by allowing them to build a Global Kitchen for Social change on the lands of Murray Warrington Park, and;

2. Engage the community and stakeholders during this process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Mobile Food Market – Long Term Support

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 18, 2018

- A staff presentation dated July 19, 2018

Leticia Smillie, Planner III provided a presentation respecting Long Term Support for the Mobile Food Network.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the continued support for the Mobile Food Market through in-kind contributions for Years 3-5 (2018-2019 to 2020-2021), as outlined in this report, including the addition of a staff member to the Mobile Food Market Advisory Team in Year 3 (2018-2019);**
- 2. Authorize the CAO to approve and enter into agreements with Mobile Food Market partners regarding the use of HRM transit and fleet vehicles;**
- 3. Direct staff to evaluate the option of donation of an HRM vehicle in Year 4 (2019-2020); and**
- 4. Direct staff to explore further options, and report to Council in Year 5 (2020-2021) with a recommendation for Council's consideration, regarding the long-term support of the Mobile Food Market.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Councillor Smith – Link Performing Arts Society – Update to Capital Request

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A councillor request for consideration form dated July 19, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development refer the correspondence from the Link Performing Arts Society dated June 26, 2018 for consideration in the staff report requested by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on May 16, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – June 21, 2018

The following motion was approved in public session:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the In Camera (In Private) Minutes of June 21, 2018 as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Affordable Housing Work Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 21, 2018

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to proceed with the initiatives contained in the Affordable Housing Work Plan, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated June 21, 2018.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Kate Greene, Business Services Manager noted that staff are looking at a broad range of municipal incentives to encourage affordable housing options in HRM. Greene further noted that the work plan complements the housing and homelessness initiatives being undertaken by Government Relations and External Affairs. Greene concluded by noting that staff are planning engagement activities for the early fall to work in concert with Centre Plan consultations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Austin called three times for speakers to address the Standing Committee. There were no speakers present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 20, 2018

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant