



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPING
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 21, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith, Vice Chair
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Streach
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Steve Craig

STAFF: Denise Schofield, Director of Parks and Recreation
Donna Boutilier, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, 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 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 17, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the minutes of January 17, 2019 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 Councillor Austin – Public Art Policy

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – NONE

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Sébastien Labelle, Executive Director the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative re: Proposals for the Long-term Sustainability of the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled “Bus Stop Theatre Co-op: Facility Study”
- A presentation entitled “Bus Stop Theatre Co-op: 15 Years of Art and Community”

Sébastien Labelle, Executive Director the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative provided a presentation on Proposals for the Long-Term Sustainability of the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative. Labelle provided clarification on the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative's intent to purchase the property from the current property owners and plans to expand and renovate the facility with potential support from public and private investors.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Labelle provided further clarification regarding the proposed phasing of the project, the planned renovations and enhancements to expand the facility, and potential funding opportunities with other levels of government.

In response to a follow up question, Labelle advised that needs of Bus Stop do not overlap with other Arts Organizations and facilities located on the peninsula. Labelle noted that primary function of the Bus Stop Co-operative is to provide accessible and affordable space for artists, particularly in the north end of Halifax.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to identify potential funding options for the proposed expansion of the Bus Stop Theatre facility as outlined in the February 21, 2019 presentation.

In response to a question from the Standing Committee, Denise Schofield, Director of Parks and Recreation advised of the challenges to discuss the proposal during the current budget deliberations but advised that staff can explore options on mid-year budget increases if requested to do so.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Chris Keevil and LA Dempster, Atlantic Division: Canoe Kayak Canada re: Lake Banook Water Sport Race Park

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled "Envisioning Lake Banook as a World-leading Venue for Sport and Community"

Chris Keevil and LA Dempster of Canoe Kayak Canada's Atlantic Division provided a presentation on opportunities to enhance the current facilities at Lake Banook to host large scale sport and community events.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Keevil provided further detail regarding the upcoming 2022 Canoe Sprint Senior Championship which will be hosted by HRM at Lake Banook. Keevil advised of a potential partnership with HRM to expand and enhance the facilities at Lake Banook to compete for and host larger sport and entertainment events.

In response to a follow up question, Keevil further advised of Canoe Kayak's intention to develop a Master Plan regarding the proposed enhancements of the facilities at Lake Banook. Keevil requested that Canoe Kayak would like HRM's assistance with its development.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to consider the development of a long-term Masterplan for a Water Sport Park at Lake Banook in partnership with Canoe Kayak Canada and stakeholders.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Hope Blooms Global Kitchen for Social Change, Murray Warrington Park

The following was before the Standing Committee

- A staff recommendation report dated January 30, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

- 1. Authorize and direct staff to host a public information meeting, in collaboration with Hope Blooms Youth Social Entrepreneurial Ventures Inc.;**
- 2. Authorize and direct the CAO or his designate to negotiate and execute an operating and stewardship agreement with Hope Blooms Youth Social Entrepreneurial Ventures Inc. which in the determination of the CAO or his designate, (i) accords with the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the staff report dated January 30, 2019 respecting the construction and operation of a Global Kitchen for Social Change in Murray Warrington Park, and (ii) appropriately accounts for the results of community and stakeholder engagement.**
- 3. Notwithstanding recommendation #2, staff will return to Regional Council to seek further directions, if in the determination of the CAO or his designate, the engagement process, involving the community and stakeholders generates a clear consensus on the part of participants in favour of materially changing any of the terms or conditions described in table 1 of the staff report dated January 30, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Common Roots Urban Farm

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 14, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

- 1. Authorize the CAO or his designate to negotiate and execute a Community Garden Agreement with Metroworks Employment Association which, in the opinion of the CAO or his designate, is in accordance with Administrative Order Number 2014-009-OP Respecting the Community Garden Program, to be located at Bi-Hi Park, Halifax;**
- 2. Direct staff to work with representatives of the Metroworks Employment Association to explore the potential to house the 90 garden plots at existing community gardens on HRM lands; and**
- 3. Direct staff to coordinate the move of the 90 garden plots, including the allocation of staff resources and equipment to move the soil to other community gardens.**

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Angela Green, Manger of Recreation Programming advised that Parks and Recreation staff is working closely with Transportation and Public Works through to ensure pedestrian safety in accessing the new location.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Approval of In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 17, 2019

The following motion was approved in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the In Camera (In Private) minutes of January 17, 2019 as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Councillor Austin – Public Art Policy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A Councillor Request for Standing Committee Consideration form from Councillor Austin

Councillor Smith assumed the position of Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report that includes:

- (1) A review and update of the Public Art Policy**
- (2) A summary of funding that has been provided over the last 10 years for new projects and current projects that are underway**
- (3) Specific amendments to the public art policy to remove the 25,000 square feet budget exemption for municipal buildings that are highly used by the public such as libraries, recreation centres, and transit terminals, with such amendments being**
- (4) prepared by the end of the 2019/2020 fiscal year.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin reassumed the position of Chair.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tara Taylor, Programming Lead, Bus Stop Theatre expressed support for the proposal presented by the Bus Stop Theatre advising of its importance to the Community and supporting Arts in Halifax.

Kolade Boboye, of Hope Blooms expressed support for the proposal to locate the Kitchen for Global Change and Murray Warrington Park.

Councillor Austin called three times for further speakers, there were none present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 14, 2018

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant