



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 28, 2019**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Vice-Chair
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Richard Zurawski

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage, Chair
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Karen Brown, Solicitor
Judith Ng'ethe, 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 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 23, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

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. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations – None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Women's Advisory (Advocacy) Committee

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated January 15, 2019
- A staff presentation dated October 28, 2019

Caroline Blair-Smith, Director, Human Resources/Office of Diversity and Inclusion, provided a presentation on the proposed creation of the Women's Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt Administrative Order No. 2019-004-GOV as set out in Attachment 4 of the staff report dated January 15, 2019, to establish a Women's Advisory Committee to support the creation of a gender inclusive municipality and provide advice to Council on matters relevant to the municipal

mandate; and

2. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order One as set out in Attachment 5 of the staff report dated January 15, 2019, to allow the newly created Women's Advisory Committee to report to the Executive Standing Committee of Council.

Blair-Smith responded to questions of clarification. Key highlights include:

- The Women's Advisory Committee will formalize the intent to move forward with respect to gender parity.
- The gender parity lens will be applied to policies, procedures, research, recruitment and work environment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Amendments to Administrative Order One – Recorded Votes at Committee of the Whole and Budget Committee Meetings

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 17, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

That the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order One, the *Procedures of Council Administrative Order*, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated October 17, 2019, to enable recorded votes at Committee of the Whole and Budget Committee meetings.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 2020 Executive Standing Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before Executive Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 15, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Executive Standing Committee approve the proposed 2020 meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 15, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY IN HRM

The following was before Executive Standing Committee:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM dated October 11, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Executive Standing Committee request a staff report to review closure procedures for all municipal public buildings with the view of making closure notification, including emergency procedures, accessible to everyone.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

The Deputy Mayor called three times for members of the public wishing to address the Executive Standing Committee to come forward. There were none.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 25, 2019

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Judith Ng'ethe
Legislative Assistant