



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
April 15, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Pamela Lovelace

STAFF: Donna Boutilier, Solicitor
Denise Schofield, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
Simon Ross-Siegel, 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. and adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2021

The Clerk noted two corrections to the minutes. The draft minutes were corrected to note that the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. and the meeting was a virtual meeting whereas draft minutes incorrectly stated the meeting was held in Council Chamber.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of February 18, 2021 be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Deletion:

12.1.2 Noise Management and Mitigation in Downtown Areas: Argyle Street Entertainment District

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Municipal Clerk's Office received one piece of general correspondence.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Update – *Diana Whalen, on behalf of the Board of Friends of Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes*

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated December 21, 2020
- A presentation

Diana Whalen, a board member of the Friends of Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation on the Blue Mountain – Birch Cove parklands. Diana Whalen, Dale Smith and Mary Ellen, members of the Friends of Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes, responded to questions from members of the Standing Committee.

The Chair thanked the speakers for the presentation.

10.3.2 Smart Meter Project Updates – Mary Black, Nova Scotia Power Government Relations, and Stephen Pothier, Nova Scotia Power Director of Project Implementation

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated March 22, 2021
- A presentation

Stephen Pothier, Nova Scotia Power Director of Project Implementation, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation on Nova Scotia Power's Smart Meter Project. Mary Black, Nova Scotia Power Government Relations, Amie Woodford, Manager of Customer Relations, and Stephen Pothier responded to questions from members of the Standing Committee.

The Chair thanked the speakers for the presentation.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Case H00473: Background Study Toward the Establishment of a Heritage Conservation District in Downtown Halifax

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 2, 2021
- A staff presentation

Seamus McGreal, Planner III, Heritage Planning, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation on Case H00473 and responded to questions from members of the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

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

- 1. Accept the background study contained in Attachment A of the March 2, 2021 report to initiate the process to establish a Heritage Conservation District in Downtown Halifax; and**
- 2. Follow the Public Participation Program for HCDs, adopted by Regional Council on November 17, 2020, as contained in Attachment B of the March 2, 2021 report, to obtain public input on the proposed Downtown Halifax conservation plan and by-law in accordance with Section 6 of the Heritage Conservation Districts Regulations.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Noise Management and Mitigation in Downtown Areas: Argyle Street Entertainment District

This item was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the order of business.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 10, 2021

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant