



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
April 20, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Patty Cuttell, Chair  
Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair  
Deputy Mayor Sam Austin  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Kathryn Morse  
Councillor Iona Stoddard

**STAFF:** Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation  
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor  
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 p.m.*

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

The Chair 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.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 16, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Austin

**THAT the minutes of February 16, 2023 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

**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**

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 10.3.2.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

### **10.2 Petitions – None**

### **10.3 Presentation**

#### **10.3.1 The Backlands: A Cornerstone for Our City's Green Network**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated December 28, 2022
- Presentation dated April 20, 2023

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Dr. Boris Worm and Kaarin Tae, Backlands Coalition gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

### **10.3.2 Friends of Halifax Commons**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated April 5, 2023
- Presentation dated April 20, 2023
- Correspondence from Peggy Cameron

Peggy Cameron and Howard Epstein, Friends of Halifax Commons, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

## **11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **12. REPORTS**

### **12.1 STAFF**

#### **12.1.1 Rehabs Lands Park Plan**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated April 12, 2023
- Staff presentation dated April 20, 2023

Carolle Koziak Roberts, Landscape Architect, Parks and Recreation gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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

- 1. Adopt the Rehab Lands Park Plan as a guiding document for future improvements to 255 Bissett Road;**
- 2. Approve a dedicated off-leash dog area, as identified on Map 6 of the Rehab Lands Park Plan, to be incorporated and subsequently designated as part of the development of park facilities upon the Rehab Lands; and**
- 3. Refer the potentially surplus lands, which have been identified as surplus in Attachment A Site Plan, to the disposal process set forth in Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property, with the size, configuration, and timing of such disposals to be subject to further review as identified in the staff report dated April 12, 2023.**

Richard Harvey, Manger, Policy and Planning and Claire Gillivan, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the part 3 of the motion be amended to not refer the potentially surplus lands, which have been identified as surplus in Attachment A Site Plan, to the disposal process set forth in Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property as identified in the staff report dated April 12, 2023.**

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The motion as amended now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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- 2. Approve a dedicated off-leash dog area, as identified on Map 6 of the Rehab Lands Park Plan, to be incorporated and subsequently designated as part of the development of park facilities upon the Rehab Lands; and**
- 3. Not refer the potentially surplus lands, which have been identified as surplus in Attachment A Site Plan, to the disposal process set forth in Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property as identified in the staff report dated April 12, 2023.**

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **12.1.2 Update – People, Planet, Prosperity: Halifax’s Inclusive Economic Strategy**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 13, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated March 13, 2023 to Regional Council for information.**

**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**

**Scott Gothrie, Halifax** on behalf of the disc golf community, spoke on the community’s support for the proposed concept plan at Bisset Lake and the need to secure lands for publicly funded, easily accessible, disc golf courses in the Municipality.

**The Honourable Lorelei Nicoll, M.L.A for Cole Harbour-Dartmouth** spoke to the Rehabs Lands Park Plan and the importance for the community.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2023**

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**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant