



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
July 18, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Patty Cuttell, Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair
Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Lindell Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Russell

STAFF: Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
Elise Martino, Solicitor
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 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 – June 20, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of June 20, 2024 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

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Purdy requested that Items 11, 12, 13.1.1, 13.1.2, 13.1.3 be considered prior to item 10.3.1.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre Proposal for George Street Property Acquisition

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated July 2, 2024
- Presentation dated July 18, 2024

Pam Glode-Desrochers, Executive Director of the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre and Cody Parker, VP of Operations, Wolves Lacrosse Association gave a presentation. Glode-Desrochers, Parker and Steve Brown, President Wolves Lacrosse Association responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to evaluate and provide options in response to the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre request related to 2A George Street, Sackville.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Update – People, Planet, Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 7, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated June 7, 2024 to Halifax Regional Council for information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Skilled Talent Recruitment and Retention Strategy Pilot Program

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 8, 2024
- Presentation dated July 18, 2024

Wendy Luther, President & CEO, Halifax Partnership and Robyn Webb, Director, Labour Market Development & Executive Director, National Connector Program, Halifax Partnership gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated July 8, 2024 to Regional Council for information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.3 Supporting the Hubbards Community Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 9, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:

- 1. Consider the proposed active transportation facilities in the Hubbards Community Plan when:
 - a. implementing the Rural Active Transportation Program, and**
 - b. identifying potential projects in the multi-year Capital Plan; and****
- 2. Review and consider the Hubbards Community Plan recommendations pertaining to land use and development when scoping and undertaking the future Rural Community Planning program.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 15, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant