



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
June 11, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Deagle Gammon, Chair
Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Jean St-Amand

REGRETS: Councillor Janet Steele, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini
Councillor Laura White

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

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The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Judith Cabrita, Halifax spoke in opposition to the construction of a permanent stadium on the Wanderers Block.

Angie Holt, District 9 spoke in support of the Halifax Lancers and made comments pertaining to the contents of the Wanderers Block Functional Plan report.

Tamzen Black, District 7 spoke in support of the Halifax Lancers and made comments pertaining to the contents of the Wanderers Block Functional Plan report. Tamzen shared a video from Recreation Nova Scotia about the Lancers' programming.

Howard Epstein, Halifax spoke in opposition to the construction of a permanent stadium on the Wanderers Block.

5. Presentation – Dartmouth RBC Center Mooseheads Training Facility Expansion Proposal

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated April 7, 2025
- Presentation dated June 11, 2025

Cam Russell, General Manager of the Halifax Mooseheads and Elizabeth Powell, Architect for Fathom Studio gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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

6. Wanderers Block Functional Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated April 11, 2025
- Staff presentation dated June 11, 2025

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

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

- 1. Consider facility needs for the redevelopment of the horticulture complex and parks depot on the Wanderers Block as outlined in the staff report dated April 11, 2025, including the relocation of those municipal uses that may be suitably accommodated at other locations, through future business plans and capital budgets as outlined in this report; and**
- 2. Confirm the interests and prospective funding contributions from tenants, proponents, and other orders of government to determine the viability of the uses and proposals as outlined in the Functional Plan and the staff report dated April 11, 2025, and**
- 3. Return to Regional Council with a staff report with a recommended redevelopment approach, including an assessment of financial feasibility and consideration of its priority in the context of capital priorities and infrastructure deficits.**

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

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

- 2. Confirm the interests and prospective funding contributions from tenants, proponents, and other orders of government to determine the viability of the uses and proposals as outlined in the Functional Plan and the staff report dated April 11, 2025, and**
- 3. Return to Regional Council with a staff report with a recommended redevelopment approach, including an assessment of financial feasibility and consideration of its priority in the context of capital priorities and infrastructure deficits.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant