



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
November 20, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Janet Steele, Chair
Councillor Jean St-Amand, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Trish Purdy

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Virginia Hinch
Councillor Kathryn Morse

STAFF: John MacPherson, Executive Director of Property, Fleet & Environment
William Hatfield, Solicitor
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee at a future meeting.

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Steele be nominated Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Steele was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Steele be appointed Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Steele was declared the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Steele assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Steele called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gamon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor St-Amand be nominated Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor St-Amand was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttall

THAT Councillor St-Amand be appointed Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor St-Amand was declared the Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 16, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttall

THAT the minutes of October 16, 2025 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 Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

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 Presentation

10.3.1 Halifax Stanfield International Airport Annual Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated September 23, 2025
- Presentation dated November 20, 2025
- Handout dated November 20, 2025

Joyce Carter, President & CEO, HIAA and Dean Bouchard, Vice President, Airport Planning & Development, HIAA gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council receive the Halifax Stanfield International Airport Annual Update as a presentation at a future meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Our HRM Alliance and Ecology Action Center Priorities Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated October 21, 2025
- Presentation dated November 20, 2025

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- Handout dated November 20, 2025

Jillian Ramsay, Sustainable Cities Coordinator, Ecology Action Center gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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

12.1 Rural Recreation Strategy – Year One Implementation Progress Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 16, 2025
- Staff presentation dated November 20, 2025

Mickie McDow, Community Recreation Coordinator, Sackville and Musquodoboit Valley and Angela Green, Director Recreation Programming gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Update – ANS Road to Economic Prosperity Action Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 4, 2025
- Presentation dated November 20, 2025

Irvine Carvery, Co-Chair, African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity, Dolly Williams, Co-Chair, African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity, and Carolann Wright, Director, Capacity Building & Strategic Initiatives, African Nova Scotian Communities gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated November 4, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item only.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report evaluating the proposed 2026–2031 African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity Plan request to inform 2026–27 budget planning.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated November 20, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

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THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2026 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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 – December 3, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant