



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
December 3, 2025**

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon

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

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:07 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 – November 20, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

**THAT the minutes of November 20, 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 St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Kent

**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 – None**

## **11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers.

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

## **13. REPORTS**

### **13.1 STAFF**

#### **13.1.1 Lake Banook Coordination Plan**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 16, 2025
- Staff presentation dated December 3, 2025

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Elizabeth Bray, Landscape Architect gave a presentation. Bray and Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the Lake Banook Coordination Plan to guide improvements to the parkland and associated areas surrounding Lake Banook.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.1.2 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment to Executive Standing Committee**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 20, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Steele

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee appoint one (1) Councillor from the members of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.**

The Chair called for nominations for appointment to the Executive Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT Councillor Steele be nominated for appointment to the Executive Standing Committee.**

The Chair called three times for any further nominations; there were none.

Councillor Steele was declared the successful nominee.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Steele

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee appoint Councillor Steele to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.**

**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 – January 22, 2026**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant