



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 16, 2023**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Lindell Smith

STAFF: Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation  
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor  
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

*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](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. and adjourned at 11:44 a.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 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**

Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

Councillor Cuttell was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Councillor Cuttell assumed the Chair.

### **1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair**

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT Councillor Purdy be nominated Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

Councillor Purdy was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT Councillor Purdy be appointed Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the minutes of October 19, 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

Deferred to the December 14, 2023, meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- Item 13.1.2 – Rural Recreation Strategy

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**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 Building for a Climate Crisis Report – *Peggy Cameron, Vice-President Black River Wind Ltd.***

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated October 6, 2023
- Presentation dated November 16, 2023

Peggy Cameron, Vice-President Black River Wind Ltd. gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Standing Committee.

##### **10.3.2 Building Complete Communities Research Project – *Sydney Griffiths, Ecology Action Centre***

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated October 23, 2023
- Presentation dated November 16, 2023

Sydney Griffiths, Ecology Action Centre 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 – 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 October 31, 2023
- Presentation dated November 16, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated October 31, 2023 to Regional Council for information.**

Wendy Luther, Chief Executive Officer/President, Halifax Partnership, and Ian Munroe, Chief Economist, Halifax Partnership gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **13.1.2 Rural Recreation Strategy**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 11, 2023

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

##### **13.1.3 By-Law N-208 Construction Noise Updates**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated September 27, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law N-208, amending By-law N-200, the *Noise By-law*, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated September 27, 2023.**

Kasia Tota, Manager, Community Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **13.1.4 Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated November 16, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Austin

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2024 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.**

**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 14, 2023**

The Chair noted that a special meeting would be scheduled for December 14, 2023.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Annie Sherry  
Legislative Assistant