



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 23, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Nicoll

STAFF: Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning & Development
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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

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The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and recessed at 10:34 a.m. The Committee reconvened at 10:38 a.m., moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12:01 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Mason, Chair called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax at 10:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT the minutes of February 23, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: 10.1.1 Correspondence from David Clark, President of the Hotels Association of Nova Scotia, dated March 1, 2017 re: Tourism Marketing and Event Leadership for HRM

Motion:

That CPED request a staff report considering the recommendations in the attached letter from the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia addressed to Chair Waye Mason on March 1st, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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

10.1.1 Correspondence from David Clark, President of the Hotels Association of Nova Scotia, dated March 1, 2017 re: Tourism Marketing and Event Leadership for HRM

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A request for Standing Committee consideration form submitted by Councillor Austin

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report considering the recommendations in the attached letter from the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia addressed to Chair Wayne Mason on March 1st, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

10.2 Petitions - None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 George Borgal, Chair, Battle of the Atlantic Place Project Working Group - Battle of the Atlantic Place

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated March 23, 2017

George Borgal introduced colleagues Nancy Margeson and Jennifer Gamble. They delivered a presentation regarding the Battle of Atlantic Place project details and business model. They noted that other levels of government are seeking the position of the Halifax Regional Municipality on the project.

The presenters responded to questions of clarification, noting the following:

- The project is estimated to create 618 jobs for three years ;
- They are seeking an indication of concrete support from HRM; and
- The Waterfront Development Corporation have indicated that they will allow the area to be used for the development, and there will be regular meetings with the corporation as well as provincial and federal levels of government to solidify the project plans.

The Chair thanked the presenters for providing this information.

The Standing Committee recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

10.3.2 Paul MacKinnon, Executive Director Downtown Halifax Business Commission - Navigator Street Outreach Program

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated March 23, 2017

Paul MacKinnon introduced colleagues Juanita Spencer and Sasha Anderson. They delivered a presentation regarding the Navigator Street Outreach Program highlighting its success through intervention and building relationships with street-affected individuals. They indicated that the municipality provides \$45,000 on an annual basis, and they requested continuation of this support.

The presenters responded to questions from Committee members, noting the following:

- The Navigator program is focused in downtown Halifax, however they travel to other communities as needed;
- The program has also focused on prevention by helping people coming out of prison make the transition; and
- The program works with people to help them access provincial services;

The Chair thanked the presenters for providing this information.

10.3.3 Derek Martin, President, Sports & Entertainment Atlantic – Temporary Stadium on the Wanderers Grounds

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated March 23, 2017

Derek Martin presented to the Standing Committee regarding a proposal to place a temporary stadium on the Wanderers Grounds in downtown Halifax for a three year trial period. Martin advised that there is an opportunity for Halifax to become a part of a national professional soccer league, which to date has not been possible due to a lack of outdoor sports and entertainment venues.

Martin responded to questions of clarification, noting that:

- Rates for community rentals when the stadium is not in use would be maintained at current levels, tied to inflation;
- The organizers would be open to discussions with city officials regarding the use of scrim around the bleachers and how they would relate to the tree line on Sackville Street.

The Chair thanked the presenters for providing this information.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 February 23, 2017 - Memorandum from the Managing Director of Government Relations and External Affairs dated January 4, 2017 re: Destination Halifax Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated January 4, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee forward the report dated January 4, 2017 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2 February 23, 2017 – Memorandum from the Chair of the Community Design Advisory Committee dated February 9, 2017 re: A Rapid Health Impact Assessment of HRM's Draft Regional Centre Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- An information report submitted by the Chair of the Community Design Advisory Committee dated February 9, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee forward the report dated February 9, 2017 to Halifax Regional Council for their information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Halifax Green Network Plan - Planning & Implementation Directions

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

It was noted that the report is quite detailed and the Standing Committee expressed interest in having more time to consider its contents.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Kindness Meters

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 23, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Direct staff that procurement documents for parking pay stations specify that the pay stations have the ability to be programmed to accept charitable donations.**
2. **Direct staff that parking pay stations be programmed to accept charitable donations when they are installed (expected in summer of 2018).**
3. **Once parking pay stations are installed and operating, direct staff to negotiate a Contribution Agreement with United Way of Halifax Region for kindness meter funds to advance identified charitable purposes, and return to Council with the resulting Contribution Agreement or key terms.**

The Standing Committee entered into a brief discussion, with Scott Sheffield, Community Developer, Government Relations and External Affairs, responding to questions of clarification. It was noted that a request for proposals for mobile parking payment services has been issued, and once this process is complete there may be opportunities for bonus incentives to donations, depending on the technology adopted and subject to by-law provisions

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason stepped down from the Chair at 11:45 a.m. Councillor Austin assumed the Chair

13. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

13.1 Councillor Mason – Changes to “Welcomed in Halifax” Program Criteria

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A request for Standing Committee consideration form submitted by Councillor Mason
- Correspondence from North Star Law and Halifax Refugee Clinic dated March 16, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report regarding possible extension of the “Welcomed in Halifax” program for refugees to individuals with Refugee Protection Claimant Documents and other refugee

claimants as outlined in the letter from North Star Law and Halifax Refugee Clinic dated March 16, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason resumed the Chair.

14. MOTIONS - NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – February 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

That the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee approve the In Camera (In Private) Minutes of February 23, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2. Personnel Matter

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to consider item 15.2.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Standing Committee recessed at 11:51 a.m. to convene an In Camera (In Private) session.

The Standing Committee reconvened at 12:01 p.m.

15.2.1 Citizen Appointments to ArtsHalifax Advisory Committee

This matter was dealt with during an In Camera (In Private) session. No further action required.

16. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation held and closed, no speakers were present.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - April 5, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Phoebe Rai
Legislative Assistant