



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 18, 2017**

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

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Director Parks and Recreation
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of April 20, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Councillor Austin requested that the Information Item No. 2 - Memorandum from the Director of Planning & Development/Chief Planner dated March 1, 2017 re: Current Approach to Wayfinding in the Halifax Regional Municipality be brought forward for discussion at the next regular meeting of the committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8.1 April 20, 2017–Correspondence dated March 27, 2017 from George Borgal Chair, Battle of the Atlantic Place Working Group for The Canadian Naval Memorial Trust re: Battle of the Atlantic Place

The following documentation was before the committee:

- Correspondence from George Borgal Chair, Battle of the Atlantic Place Working Group for The Canadian Naval Memorial Trust re: Battle of the Atlantic Place dated March 27, 2017.
- A motion memo dated May 18, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report regarding potential municipal support for the Battle of the Atlantic Place project presented at the March 23, 2017 meeting and in the March 27th letter from Battle of the Atlantic Place Chair George Borgal with consideration to the following:

- **HRM's potential capital contribution to not exceed 5% of the project's overall cost, capped at \$10,000,000.**
- **HRM's contribution towards the cost of preparing the project over the next three years to not exceed 10%, capped at \$50,000.**
- **Potential Capital funding to be allocated from the proposed Cultural Spaces funding in the Strategic Capital Plan.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant noted correspondence received by the Municipal Clerk's Office in relation to Item No. 12.2.1 which was previously distributed to members of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Dave Rideout, President and CEO of MetroWorks Employment Association - Stone Hearth Bakery

Dave Rideout, President and Chief Executive Officer of MetroWorks Employment Association provided a presentation with respect to Stone Hearth Bakery and the potential of creating a social enterprise procurement policy in HRM.

Councillor Mason thanked Dave Rideout for the presentation.

10.3.2 Elizabeth (Mandy) Kay-Raining Bird, Chair, Basic Income Nova Scotia Group – Basic Income for Nova Scotia

Elizabeth Kay-Raining Bird, Chair Basic Income Nova Scotia Group provided a presentation with respect to Basic Income resolution for HRM.

Councillor Mason thanked Elizabeth Kay-Raining Bird for the presentation and requested questions of clarification from members of the Standing Committee.

In response to questions of clarification from members of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee, Kay-Raining Bird noted the following:

- A basic income should lift a person out of poverty and ensure that they can participate as a full citizen in regardless of their status in the labour market.
- A basic income would not replace a publicly funded health care system, disability support payments, or employment insurance, although it might replace other systems of support currently provided such as social assistance and old-age security.
- A basic income program can be financially viable.
- Studies have already documented the positive impacts of a basic income including reduced health care costs and the flexibility to choose to stay at home and care for children, to pursue self-employment, and to stay in school or seek further educational opportunities.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF – NONE

12.2 COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Centre Plan Adoption Path

The following was before the committee:

- A report from the Community Design Advisory Committee dated April 27, 2017
- Correspondence from David E. Foster, Peter N. Duinker and James WN Steenberg dated May 15, 2017.

Fred Morley, Chair of the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC) provided introductory remarks in relation to the April 27, 2017 CDAC report and acknowledged the extensive work of the committee and staff in bringing the adoption path for the Centre Plan forward.

Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning & Development provided introductory remarks with respect to the Centre Plan project and advised that feedback provided by the committee will be incorporated in the final Centre Plan Report for approval by Halifax Regional Council.

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager provided a presentation with respect to the Centre Plan Adoption Path.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CPED) recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the direction contained within the Centre Plan document in Attachment 1 (Attachment A of the April 6, 2017 staff report) as a framework for amending existing planning documents and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Centre Plan direction; and**
- 2. Direct staff to continue the ‘Step 4 Approvals Process’ of the Centre Plan Engagement Strategy as the public participation program as set out in Attachment 1 (Attachment C of the April 6, 2017 staff report).**

In response to Questions, Bob Bjerke noted the following:

- The lowest vacancy rates are in the peninsula, there is no issue with respect to the desirability of the area but there is an issue with long term affordability.
- The existing stock of residential housing in the Regional Centre is something staff would want to maintain when drafting the new regulations and further, staff would like to provide more of an incentive to maintain existing properties within the Regional Centre.
- The more significant changes being proposed by staff are captured in the first package of amendments. Staff is looking to simplify the framework and have the matter before Council by the fall.

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee identified the following items for consideration when developing the framework of amendments and new planning documents to implement the Centre Plan direction prior to final approval by Halifax Regional Council:

- That PID # 00233551, 15 Prince Albert Road (St. James’s Church), Dartmouth be considered for inclusion in the Shubie Canal Cultural District.

- That 233 Portland Street, 32 and 34 Pleasant and 221 Portland be reclassified from Downtown to Established Residential. 221 Portland Street could be split with Established Residential on Pleasant and Downtown on Portland to protect the Five Corners Streetscape.
- That 3, 5, 7, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 26 Newcastle Street as well as 3 Albert Street, Dartmouth be reclassified as Established Residential as opposed to Downtown.
- That 1 and 2 Renfrew Street, Dartmouth and 269 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth be considered as part of the Pleasant Street corridor. That further consideration be given to extending the Pleasant Street corridor to the Dartmouth Hospital where employment intensive uses begin.
- That the Park Avenue Heritage District also include 18 North Street as well 22, 24 and 26 Edward Street, Dartmouth.
- That the Five Corners Heritage District include Pleasant Street from Erskine Street to St. George's Lane and Portland Street from Pleasant Street to Old Ferry Road or Portside Lane. Further, that the Five Corners Heritage District also include Albert Street as the section of houses within these areas encapsulates a wide array of historically significant residential architecture.
- That the parkland zoning and usage at Prescott Street and Massachusetts Avenue in Halifax be retained as is.
- That consideration to a policy that protects residential lots abutting the Agricola and Windsor Street Corridors.
- That consideration to a policy which regulates the re-development of former places of worship to ensure that building height is consistent with the proposed density and zoning for the area.
- That further consideration to potential park and ride and parking infrastructure within the Centre Core area.
- That further consideration be given to the usage of roadside market stalls in community garden sites.
- That consideration be given to removing Robie Street from Cherry to Binney Streets, Halifax from the proposed corridor for the area.
- That consideration be given to maintaining the Chebucto Road corridor as a low height commercial corridor.
- That further consideration be given to ensuring that Registered Heritage properties are appropriately zoned to the envelope of existing surrounding structures and that a similar policy is implemented for the proposed Dartmouth Heritage Districts.

Further discussion ensued with the question being called on the main motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Councillor Smith - Support for the Halifax Food Policy Alliance

The following was before the committee:

- A motion memo dated May 18, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to evaluate options to further support the municipality's participation in the issue of community food insecurity by:

1. Working in partnership with the Halifax Food Policy Alliance (HFPA), including formal endorsement of participation, recognition as an expert advisory group and collaboration on initiatives that promote community food security.

2. Investigate the possibility of creating a Food Charter and Strategy for HRM.

3. Request a study that shows where the most vulnerable communities are within HRM and existing food assets that support community food security.

4. Explore policy barriers, opportunities and enablers to support community food security.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Approval of In Camera (In Private) Minutes – April 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

That the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee approve the In Camera Minutes of April 20, 2017 as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Mason called three times for members of the public to address the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee. There were no speakers present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 15, 2017

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant