



**WESTERN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

PRESENT: Michael Lamplugh, Chair
Darrell Cooling, Vice Chair
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Amy Hockin
Jane MacNeill
Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

STAFF: Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist, Policy and Planning
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.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 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

THAT Michael Lamplugh be nominated for the position of Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Vining called three times for any further nominations.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

THAT nominations cease for the position of Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

There being no additional nominations, Michael Lamplugh was declared Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

1.2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Michael Lamplugh, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Darrell Cooling be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations.

MOVED by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din, seconded by Michael Lamplugh

THAT nominations cease for the position of Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

There being no additional nominations, Darrell Cooling was declared Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 25, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

THAT the minutes of August 25, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Amy Hockin

THAT the following item be added to the Order of Business:

- **Item 10.1 Ragged Lake Industrial Employment Land Supply**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation

7.3.1 The Drysdale Bog – Stephen Adams and Greg Zwicker

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated February 23, 2022

Stephen Adams and Greg Zwicker on behalf of MLP Developments gave a presentation on the Drysdale Bog and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan

Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist, Parks & Recreation indicated work was being done with various groups to more broadly define trail types and ensure some accessibility and inclusion in accessing the Western Common, while still maintaining as much of the natural setting as possible. The Committee would like to know what the next steps are for moving forward with the Master Plan.

Evans responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Darrell Cooling

THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee invite Alex Quinn, Design Engineer, Project Planning & Design to provide an update on the budget and discuss finishing the construction of the trail to date at the next meeting of the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Proposed 2022 Western Common Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- Proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee approved the proposed 2022 meeting schedule as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Ragged Lake Industrial Employment Land Supply

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff information report dated December 1, 2021
- Ragged Lake Study Update Presentation dated January 22, 2020

Michael Wile, Manager, Corporate Real Estate advised that industrial land tends to be less valuable and HRM would like to match the amount of employment lands with the population growth in the future. HRM would like the industrial park to be as eco-friendly as possible.

The Committee noted that environmental impacts should be carefully considered given its close proximity to the Western Common, and that maintaining as much of the existing vegetation as possible should be a priority.

Douglas Reid, Real Property Planning Coordinator, Parks & Recreation, provided some additional context with respect to the June 5, 2018 report to Regional Council and stated updates can be provided to the Committee as things move along.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 25, 2022

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support