



**WESTERN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 28, 2023**

PRESENT: Michael Lamplugh, Chair
Sara Allain, Vice-Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Patty Cuttell, Ex Officio

REGRETS: Hammad Mohiy Ud Din
Jessica McCarron

STAFF: Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist, Policy and Planning
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:42. p.m. The Committee adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:42 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.

The Chair welcomed Sara Allain as a new member on the Committee.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Sara Allain, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

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

Michael Lamplugh was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Sara Allain, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Michael Lamplugh be appointed Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Michael Lamplugh was declared the Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

Michael Lamplugh assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

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

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Michael Lamplugh

THAT Sara Allain be nominated Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

Sara Allain was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Michael Lamplugh

THAT Sara Allain be appointed Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Sara Allain was declared the Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 21, 2022

MOVED by Sara Allain, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of September 21, 2022 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 Stoddard, seconded by Sara Allain

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. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – NONE

7.2 Petitions – NONE

7.3 Presentation – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan Update

Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist provided an update and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

It was noted that a special meeting is to be held to discuss the findings of the pre-liminary planning consultancy report.

9.1.2 Ragged Lake Industrial Park Expansion Plan Update

Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist provided an update and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.1.3 Update from Parks Capital Staff

It was noted that Alex Quinn, Construction Project Manager would provide an update to the Committee at a future meeting.

9.1.4 Proposed 2023 Western Common Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion:

The following was before the Committee:

- The proposed Western Common Advisory Committee 2023 meeting schedule

MOVED by Sara Allain, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee approve the 2023 meeting schedule as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Michael Lamplugh

Michael Lamplugh noted that a tour of the new compost facility on Evergreen Street was conducted on October 5, 2022 and staff and Councillors Stoddard and Cuttell were in attendance. Lamplugh further highlighted that Halifax Regional Council on June 20, 2023 passed CA 0138 resolution which expands the boundary of the Beechville community to include parts of the St Margaret's' Bay Road and Evergreen's Place. Furthermore, Lamplugh noted that Jan Macneil, a long-standing member of the Committee, resigned in 2022 and thanked McNeil for their work. Lamplugh advised that a site visit was conducted in June 2023 at the walking trail behind Prospect Road Community Centre to check in on the ongoing project.

9.2.2 Councillor Cuttell

Councillor Cuttell highlighted the possible involvement of the Committee in the natural asset mapping initiative on the Nine Mile River watershed as the lands around Ragged Lake and Western Common feed into that system.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 27, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant