



**HARBOUR EAST – MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
November 6, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Becky Kent, Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Sam Austin

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini

STAFF: Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council at a future meeting.

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Annual Election of Chair

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Kent be nominated Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

Councillor Kent was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Kent be appointed Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Kent was declared the Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

Councillor Kent assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Kent called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Purdy be nominated Vice Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

Councillor Purdy was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Councillor Purdy be appointed Vice Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Purdy was declared the Vice Chair of the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 4, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the minutes of September 4, 2025 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 Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. HEARINGS – NONE

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence – None

11.2 Petitions – None

11.3 Presentation – None

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Helmcken, Dartmouth spoke about and in promotion of the 2026 City of Laughs Comedy Festival. Helmcken spoke to the format and scope of the event and confirmed that they planned to apply for HRM's special events fund.

Colin May, Dartmouth spoke about a recent reduction in the contribution rate for the Halifax Regional Police pension plan, Intimate Partner Violence reporting, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, general police matters, and street sweeping.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 STAFF

14.1.1 PLANAPP-2024-00294: Development Agreement for 119 Merrimac Drive, Cole Harbour

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated October 14, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council give notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 14, 2025, to allow for the retention of an existing multiple-unit dwelling and a new multiple-unit dwelling and schedule a public hearing.

Jess Harper, Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from the Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1.2 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff memorandum dated November 6, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council approve the proposed 2026 Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

17. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

18. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 4, 2025

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant