



**HARBOUR EAST-MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
April 2, 2026**

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

STAFF: Meg MacDougall, Solicitor
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.

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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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of February 9, 2026 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

Deferred to a future meeting of Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council:

- Item 10.2.1 VAR-2025-01161: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 16571 Highway 7, Pleasant Harbour

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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

10.2 VARIANCE HEARING

10.2.1 VAR-2025-01161: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 16571 Highway 7, Pleasant Harbour

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated February 13, 2026

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence – None

11.2 Petitions – None

11.3 Presentation – None

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 STAFF

14.1.1 PLANAPP 2023-01697: Rezoning and Development Agreement for 23, 24, 25 and 28 Novawood Drive, Dartmouth

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated February 25, 2026

Councillor Kent stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Austin assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of the Land Use By-law for Dartmouth, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 25, 2026, and schedule a public hearing; and**
- 2. Give notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 25, 2026, and schedule a public hearing for the development agreement, which shall be held concurrently with that indicated in Recommendation 1.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Kent resumed the Chair.

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

17. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

18. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 7, 2026

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant