



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 18, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Waye Mason, Chair  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice Chair  
Councillor Steve Adams  
Councillor Steve Craig  
Councillor Jennifer Watts

**REGRETS:** Councillor Tony Mancini

**OTHER COUNCIL  
MEMBERS:** Mayor Mike Savage

**STAFF:** Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy CAO  
Mr. Colin Taylor, Solicitor  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:45 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Watts

**That the minutes of January 21, 2016 be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

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

Additions:

The Chair advised that, with the consensus of the Committee, he would move up item 12.2.1 on the agenda to be dealt with as the first order of business, to which the Committee agreed.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Craig

**That the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Watts advised that it was her understanding the Committee was to receive regular updates on the Halifax Housing Partnership, and she questioned when this will come forward.

The Chair indicated that staff would look into the matter and provide a response for the next meeting.

**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**

**12.2.1 Mayor Savage – Permanent Encroachments for the Purpose of Facilitating Accessibility**

The following was before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- *A Request for Standing Committee Consideration* form.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Standing Committee request a staff report to explore the possibility of waiving all or any of the fees payable pursuant to provisions of By-law E-200 where an existing encroachment is being enlarged or modified to facilitate barrier free access to either residential or commercial properties.**

Mayor Savage addressed the motion advising that it recently came to his attention there were businesses trying to create barrier-free accessibility at their locations but were incurring fines because they were encroaching on municipal property. He indicated that he would like staff to look into this matter and see if something could be done for those properties that are trying to provide a barrier free access to their businesses but were penalized due to an encroachment.

Councillor Watts noted that this was issue in the North End as well, in particular, when a business changes and the new business is faced with an encroachment.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – January 21, 2016**  
**8.1 Correspondence submitted from Neptune Theatre**

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence dated January 15, 2016 submitted from Amy Melmock, General Manager, Neptune Theatre Foundation

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report on the one time request for a capital contribution of \$100,000 for Neptune Theatre.**

Two thirds majority required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence - None**

**10.2 Petitions - none**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Port Authority**

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The following was before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled, *Diversified by Design* by the Port of Halifax.

Ms. Karen Oldfield, President and CEO, and Mr. Paul MacIsaac, Senior VP of the Halifax Port Authority provided a presentation to the Committee on the Port of Halifax, focusing on how the Port has been diversifying the past number of years, and responded to questions. The presentation highlighted the economic impact of the Port, the investment in infrastructure the Port has made over the past several years, and the impact that the cruise ship and cargo business has on the Municipality and the Province. A copy of the presentation can be found in the official file of this meeting.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 STAFF**

**12.1.1 Economic Strategy and Halifax Partnership Update Q3 (October – December) 2015-2016**

The following was before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 8, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Craig

**That the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee receive this report and forward it to Regional Council for information.**

Ms. Maggie MacDonald, Managing Director, Government Relations and External Affairs, and Mr. Ron Hanlon, President and CEO, Halifax Partnership responded to questions.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.1.2 Case 18166: Developing a New Telecommunication Tower Protocol**

The following was before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 3, 2016
- A Power Point Presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Adams

**That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend Regional Council:**

1. **Give Notice of Motion for the adoption of Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV, the Siting of a Telecommunication Antenna Administrative Order, as set out within Attachment A of the February 3, 2016 staff report; and**
2. **Adopt Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV, as set out within Attachment A of the February 3, 2016 staff report.**

Mr. Carl Purvis, Acting Supervisor, Community Planning provided a presentation, and he and Mr. Myles Agar, Planner 1, responded to questions. Committee members were very supportive of the staff report and recommendation, and it was noted that because of the past process Councillors found it was an ongoing challenge to educate residents that it was Industry Canada that made the decisions on the applications, and that Community Council did not have a say in the decision of tower placement.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**12.2.1 Mayor Savage – Permanent Encroachments for the Purpose of Facilitating Accessibility**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 2.

**13. MOTIONS - NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

The Committee did not convene In Camera.

**14.1 Personnel Matter:**

**14.1.1 Citizen Nomination to the Community Design Advisory Committee**

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate the citizen member as recommended in the February 10, 2016 Private and Confidential staff recommendation report to the Community Design Advisory Committee for consideration by Regional Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- 15. **ADDED ITEMS - NONE**
- 16. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**
- 17. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one came forward during Public Participation.

- 18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 24, 2016**

- 19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant