



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 15, 2016**

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

OTHER MEMBERS
OF COUNCIL: Mayor Mike Savage

STAFF: Ms. Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCcped/160915cped-agenda.php>*

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and recessed at 12:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 28, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of July 28, 2016 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Deletion:

10.3.2 Presentation – Spring Garden 2018 (rescheduled to December 15, 2016 at the request of the presenters)

Councillor Watts referred to the supplemental information from Engage Nova Scotia that was submitted to the Committee – item 10.1.1. She indicated that Regional Council would be dealing soon with the report that was before the Committee in July on Engage Nova Scotia, and suggested that the Committee move a motion to forward this information to Regional Council, for Council's information. On a question from Councillor Watts, the Solicitor advised that she could put forward the motion at this time.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the supplemental information from Engage Nova Scotia (item 10.1.1) be referred to Regional Council for when the item is debated at Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mancini

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. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Supplemental Information – Engage Nova Scotia

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A document entitled, Supplemental Information submitted by Engage Nova Scotia.

In response to questions raised at the July 28, 2016 meeting in regard to the staff report on Engage Nova Scotia, supplemental financial information was submitted from Engage Nova Scotia.

During the approval of the order of business, the Committee passed a motion to refer this information to Regional Council, for Council's information.

10.2 Petitions - None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Update on the Mobile Food Market Pilot Project

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A document entitled, Mobile Food Market Evaluation Findings September 2016
- Correspondence September 13, 2016 from Faye Hicks

Ms. Ali Shaver, Healthy Built Environment Coordinator, and Heather Monahan, Public Health Nutritionist provided a presentation on the Mobile Food Market Pilot Project.

Ms. Shaver and Ms. Monahan provided an overview of the 21 week pilot project of providing a mobile food market to five communities, and reviewed the evaluation findings. The presentation also noted that they were proposing a 16 week pilot project beginning in January to see how the project would work through the winter months.

Mayor Savage advised that the project has been a great success and been received very positively since opening day.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT Community and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to:

- 1) Working with the Mobile Food Market Advisory Team, evaluate a request for a 16 week extension to the in-kind contribution of a Halifax Transit bus once a week, in support of the Mobile Food Market, beginning in January 2017;**
- 2) Explore transportation options to support the long-term viability of the Mobile Food Market, including continuing to provide a bus in-kind, and conveying a surplus bus to the Mobile Food Market Advisory Team**

Ms. Shaver and Ms. Monahan responded to questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Spring Garden 2018

This item was deleted during the approval of the order of business.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Halifax Needs Assessment – Supplementary Report

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

- A staff recommendation report dated June 24, 2016.
- A Presentation entitled Housing needs Assessment Supplementary Report.

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Development and Ms. Kasia Tota, Community Developer provided a presentation on the submitted staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mancini:

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. Approve in principle the Housing and Homelessness Partnership five-year affordable housing targets as presented in this report;
2. Direct staff to develop an implementation framework to support the implementation of the Housing & Homelessness Partnership five-year affordable housing targets that fall within the municipality's mandate, including identifying specific actions, monitoring tools and any additional resources if required.
3. Request that the Province amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to enable Council to implement inclusionary housing for all or part of the Municipality

Mr. Bjerke responded to questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.1.2 Implementation of Density Bonusing for Private Rental Affordable Housing in the Regional Centre

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 6, 2016.
- A Presentation entitle Density Bonusing for Affordable Housing (Private Rental)

Mr. Myles Agar, Planner II provided the staff presentation on the submitted staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Develop an incentive or bonus zoning program for affordable housing benefits, including an Administrative Order and any required financial tools, in accordance with the program goals, assumptions, principles and directions outlined in this staff report; and
2. Direct staff to negotiate with Housing Nova Scotia a Memorandum of Understanding assisting with the monitoring of affordable housing units provided by way of incentive or bonus zoning agreements

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Development responded to questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

13.1 Councillor Watts – Universal Access to Municipal Washroom Facilities

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A 'Request for CPED's Consideration' form submitted by Councillor Watts.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report on how HRM can ensure universal access to municipal washroom facilities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Mason stepped down from the Chair to address the next item. Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice Chair assumed the Chair.

13.2 Councillor Mason – Kindness Meters

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A 'Request for CPED's Consideration' form submitted by Councillor Mason.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report with regard to:

Working with the Mayor's Office, United Way Halifax, service providers and urban business Improvement Districts, evaluate a proposal to dedicate revenue from select parking meters (i.e. "kindness meters") to a United Way fund targeting street involved people.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason assumed the Chair.

14. MOTIONS: NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one came forward to address the Committee during Public Participation.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 15, 2016

The Chair noted that there is no meeting in October due to the Municipal Election; and that November's meeting has been cancelled because after the Swearing-in of the new Council on November 1, 2016 appointments will be made to all the Standing Committees.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant