



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 20, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin, Vice-Chair
Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
Councillor Dave Hendsbee
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Director of Parks and Recreation
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. the Standing Committee adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Mason, Chair called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23 & April 5, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of March 23 & April 5, 2017 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

15.1 Back to Our Roots Urban Farm Market

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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 Correspondence dated March 27, 2017 from George Borgal Chair, Battle of the Atlantic Place Working Group for The Canadian Naval Memorial Trust re: Battle of the Atlantic Place

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee defer the correspondence dated March 27, 2017 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

**10.3.1 Aimee Gasparetto, Senior Coordinator, Community Food, Ecology Action Centre –
Halifax Food Policy Alliance**

The following was before the committee:

- A presentation dated April 20, 2017
- A report from the Halifax Food Policy Alliance dated 2014, entitled: Food Counts - Halifax Food Policy Assessment.

Aimee Gasparatto, Senior Coordinator, Community Food, Ecology Action Centre and Ali Shaver, Healthy Built Environment Coordinator, Nova Scotia Health Authority provided a presentation on the Halifax Food Policy Alliance.

In response to questions from the committee, Aimee Gasparetto and Ali Shaver noted the following:

- A charter and strategy regarding food security is an ideal path forward for HRM as many other municipalities in Canada have adopted similar policies with success.
- The Halifax Food Policy Alliance includes members from Feed Nova Scotia, The Nova Scotia Health Authority, Dalhousie University, the Ecology Action Centre, the Seaport Farmers Market, the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, and the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre.
- The Halifax Regional Municipality can continue to support the work of the Halifax Food Policy Alliance by encouraging further collaboration among interested groups, continuing policy work in the area of food security, investing in recreation centres and community spaces, and engaging in future work to create a Food Charter and Food Strategy for HRM

In response to a question of clarification, Leticia Smillie, Planner III noted involvement as the HRM liaison with the Halifax Food Policy Alliance. Smillie commented that any further involvement on the part of the municipality would be effectively managed to ensure the appropriate departments are fully engaged.

Councillor Mason thanked Aimee Gasparetto and Ali Shaver for their presentation.

10.3.2 Patrick Stubbert - HRM Off-leash Dog Park Strategy

The following was before the committee:

- A handout from Patrick Stubbert re: Sunrise Beach – Shubie Park

Patrick Stubbert of Dartmouth provided a presentation with respect to HRM's Off-Lease Dog Park Strategy. Stubbert provided background information, specifically in relation to Sunrise Beach-Shubie Park which abuts residential properties in Dartmouth. Stubbert raised concerns from neighbours and through personal experience as an affected homeowner, about dogs wondering on to nearby residential properties, noise complaints from barking, and the preponderance of dog excrement which litters residential properties and the beach.

Stubbert questioned whether or not the proposal for the off-leash section of Shubie Park was ever approved by Council citing personal research which did not reveal evidence of approval. Stubbert noted that the off-leash section of the park was a pilot project which has not yet ended. Stubbert concluded by articulating how neighbours in the area have been negatively impacted by the dog park and requested that the committee explore options to address and mitigate the issue such as relocating the off-leash area to a different section of the park, or to return Sunrise Beach and the area adjacent to homes as an on-leash area.

In response to questions of clarification, Brad Anguish, Director of Parks and Recreation commented that staff does not plan on moving the off-leash dog park at Shubie Park because it has not received direction from Council to do so. Anguish further noted that a staff report regarding an Off-leash Administrative Order is anticipated in the near future which will provide clarity with respect to policy implementation and off-leash pilot projects.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Universal Access to Municipal Washroom Facilities

The following was before the committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 23, 2016

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council that staff be directed to draft an Administrative Order on universal access to all municipal facilities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Potential International Partnership with Zhuhai China

The following was before the committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 31, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council authorize the Mayor to prepare a Letter of Intent to initiate the process of establishing an Economic Partnership Agreement with Zhuhai, China.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – March 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the In Camera Minutes of March 23, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2. Personnel Matter

14.2.1 Citizen Appointments to ArtsHalifax Advisory Committee

The following matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private). The following motion was dealt with in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee proceed to nominate two (2) citizens at large to the ArtsHalifax Advisory Committee for consideration by Regional Council for a term to June, 2018 as outlined in attachment 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated April 13, 2017

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Back to Our Roots Urban Farm Market

The following was before the committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 31, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prepare an agreement with “Back To Our Roots” urban farm to operate a small-scale market in accordance with Table 1 of the staff report dated February 27, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2017

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant