



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTSTANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 14, 2017**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Craig

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Director of Parks, Recreation and Communities
Donna Boutilier, 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 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason be nominated as Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for further nominations, there were none.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Mayor Mason was elected as Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Deputy Mayor Mason called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Deputy Mayor Mason called three times for further nominations, there were none.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin was elected as Vice-Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of November 16, 2017 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

15.1 ArtsHalifax Advisory Committee Recommendations - Successor Committee & Awards Program

The Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee agreed to consider the ArtsHalifax Advisory Committee Recommendations - Successor Committee & Awards Program staff report at its January 18, 2017 meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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 – NONE

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Marc Almon, Managing Director, Culture Link re: The Link Performing Arts Society Project Proposal

Marc Almon, Managing Director of Culture, provided a presentation with respect to the Link Performing Arts Society.

In response to questions of clarification, Marc Almon noted the following:

- The proposed facility will compliment existing theatres in the area.
- The proposed facility will contribute to the local economy and provide jobs for approximately 15 individuals.
- Culture Link has held discussions with the provincial and federal government, and private stakeholders who support the project in principle.

10.3.2 Ron Hanlon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Partnership re: Atlantic Immigration Pilot

Ron Hanlon, President and CEO of Halifax Partnership provided a presentation on the Atlantic Immigration Pilot.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF – NONE

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Councillor Austin – Potential Changes to By-Law N-200 respecting Noise

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A councillor request for consideration form dated December 14, 2017.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT That the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report outlining options for potential changes to By-Law N-200 Respecting Noise to better align prohibited times for construction related noise with reasonable standards when adjacent to residential areas.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.2 Councillor Smith – Long term streetscaping program for the Regional Centre

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A councillor request for consideration form dated December 14, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- 1. Request a staff report regarding options and opportunities for a long term streetscaping program for the Regional Centre that updates the rationale and priorities for projects, and establishes stable long term funding; and**
- 2. That staff review the letter received by the urban core Business Improvement Districts.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Future Heritage Conservation District Timeframe Review

The following was before the Standing Committee

- A Heritage Advisory Committee report dated November 27, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a review to improve time frames for any future Heritage Conservation Districts after the completion of Schmidville Heritage Conservation District.

The following amendment was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the review take place after the completion of the Old South Suburb.

The amendment was deemed friendly.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED BY Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a review to improve time frames for any future Heritage Conservation Districts after the completion of Schmidville Heritage Conservation District and the Old South Suburb.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – November 16, 2017

The following motion was passed in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee approve the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 16, 2017 as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

16.1 Deputy Mayor Mason

“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, I intend to introduce a motion to recommend that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to assess options for requesting the transfer of the responsibility to operate and deliver housing programs and services within the boundaries of Halifax on behalf of the Province, including but not limited to the following considerations:

- 1. Transferring of the responsibilities of Housing Nova Scotia in the Halifax region, including Metro Regional Housing Authority (MRHA) to the municipality;*
- 2. Fund this transfer through property tax, by redirecting property tax points from the mandatory education funding collected by the municipality for the province, to ensure the core housing program operations would be funded by property tax revenue, rather than provincial grants;*
- 3. Require provincial participation and cost sharing in Federal housing and regionally significant housing programs with equitable per-capita distribution of funds based on population;*
- 4. Require the housing allowance paid to clients living in MRHA is the same as the program provides to other private and not for profit land lords.*
- 5. Make recommendations regarding management structure as either an arms length agency, a department of the municipality, or combination of options.”*

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Austin, Vice-Chair called three times for members of the public to address the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee during public participation. There were no speakers present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 18, 2018

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant