



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 21, 2018**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Craig

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Donna Boutilier, Solicitor  
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:32 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 11:34 a.m.*

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

**THAT Councillor Sam Austin 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.**

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

Councillor Austin called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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

Councillor Austin called three times for further nominations, there were none.

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 17, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the minutes of May 17, 2018 be approved as circulated.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

### Additions:

Item No. 15.1 Halifax Green Network Plan

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, Councillor Outhit

**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 Hugh Chisolm, Chair of Halifax’s Domestic and Feral Cat Committee - Update on the Trap-Neuter-Return project**

Dr. Hugh Chisolm, Chair of Halifax’s Domestic and Feral Cat Committee introduced Linda McKay, of the Halifax Domestic and Feral Cat Committee and Heather Wooden from the Halifax SPCA.

McKay and Wooden provided a presentation on the Trap-Neuter-Return project. Highlights of the presentation include:

- Statistics respecting the number of feral, and domestic cats treated under the Trap-Neuter-Release Program to date.
- Public outreach strategies and citizen participation opportunities to participate in the program.
- Volunteer and programming partnerships in place between the Domestic and Feral Cat Committee and the Halifax SPCA to help citizens control the cat population through spaying and neutering.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, McKay and Wooden provided clarification with respect to the challenges in obtaining accurate local data on the feral cat population, ongoing engagement with other community groups to find solutions.

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

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 STAFF**

**12.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM Respecting the Heritage Incentives Program**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 8, 2018

- A memorandum from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated May 30, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

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

- 1. Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 8, 2018 so as to:**
  - a. Change the intake period for applications under the Heritage Incentives Program from the current intake period of January 1st through March 31st to September 1st through December 1st of each year;**
  - b. Change the deadline for staff to provide a recommendation to the Heritage Advisory Committee on eligible grant applications from June 30th to March 1st of each year in order to better align approval of funding with the start of the fiscal year.**
  - c. Prioritize applicants in future years if they were previously approved for funding and were unable to commence their approved work during that year so long as they notify the municipality in writing by July 1st of the year they were initially approved for funding.**
- 2. Retain the current approval process for the Amendments Respecting the Heritage Incentives Program which is referred to Regional Council for ultimate approval under Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

## **12.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **12.3.1 Preservation of Historical Infrastructure on Spring Garden Road**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated May 24, 2018

In response to questions from the committee, Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner advised that the existing trolley polls will likely need to be analyzed by an engineer to see if they can be properly and safely utilized.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee refer the May 24, 2018 Heritage Advisory Committee report to staff for consideration in the Spring Garden Road Streetscaping Project.**

Members of the Standing Committee further discussed the preservation of remaining trolley polls along Spring Garden Road, and other areas of the city for aesthetic and historical purposes.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

### **14.1 Personnel Matter - Board/Committee Appointment**

This matter was discussed in Camera (in Private). The following motion was ratified in public session.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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

- 1. Proceed to nominate one member at large to the Heritage Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term to November 30, 2018, for consideration by Regional Council, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated June 6, 2018.**
- 2. Proceed to nominate one member at large to the Heritage Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term to November 30, 2019, for consideration by Regional Council, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated June 6, 2018.**
- 3. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated June 6, 2018 to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **15. ADDED ITEMS**

### **15.1 Halifax Green Network Plan**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 12, 2018
- A staff presentation entitled Halifax Green Network Plan dated June 21, 2018.

Ben Sivak, Principal Planner, provided a presentation on the Halifax Green Network Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

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

- 1. Authorize the direction contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan, as contained in Attachment A of the June 12, 2018 staff report, as a framework for amending the existing Regional Plan and Secondary Planning Strategies, and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Halifax Green Network Plan direction;**
- 2. Direct staff to carry out the actions contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.**
- 3. Request that the Province amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, as set out in Actions 18 and 61 of the Halifax Green Network Plan, to:**
  - (a) enable the Municipality to acquire sensitive environmental lands (e.g. riparian areas, wetlands, steep slopes, etc.) as an environmental reserve through the land development and subdivision process, in addition to existing parkland dedication provisions; and**
  - (b) enable a greater range of legislative abilities, such as the ability to enact parkland dedication requirements based on density to address development that does not include the subdivision of land.**
- 4. Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) to support the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP) by referencing the HGNP within the conservation design development agreement policy criteria concerning the connectivity of open space; and**
- 5. Adopt, by policy, the Public Participation Program outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated June 12, 2018.**

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Sivak provided clarification on the proposed land capability tool to assist Council on decisions on land acquisitions or disposals, areas of integration with the Urban Forrest Master Plan, and the proposed public participation policy associated with the plan.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee defer further consideration of the June 12, 2018 staff report to the July 19, 2018 meeting.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Veronica Sherwood**, of the Ecology Action Centre (EAC) provided clarification on the organization's stance with respect controlling the feral cat population. Sherwood noted that the organization does not support euthanizing cats. Sherwood provided further commentary on a proposal made by the EAC for a responsible pet ownership program for HRM. Sherwood concluded by stating that the EAC is interested in working with the Halifax Feral and Domestic Cat committee to help find solutions.

**Jenny Lugar**, of Fusion Halifax noted support for the Green Network Plan and acknowledged the work of staff and community groups to bring the plan forward to Council.

Councillor Austin called three times for further speakers, no additional speakers came forward.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -July 19, 2018 – Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax – 10:00 a.m.**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant