



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 15, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith, Vice Chair
Councillor Steve Streach
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Steve Craig
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS:

STAFF: Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation
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 moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:30 a.m. The Standing Committee reconvened to public session at 11:46 p.m. and adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

- **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Streach

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MacSween called three times for further nominations, there were none. Councillor Austin was elected Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Austin called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Mason

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin called three times for further nominations, there were none. Councillor Smith was elected as Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 19, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the minutes of July 19, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

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

6.1 Councillor Appointment to Heritage Advisory Committee – November 15, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the nominations of Councillors Hendsbee and Whitman to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to November 2020 be reconsidered.

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee agreed by consensus to reconsider the councillor nomination to the Heritage Advisory Committee advising that a representative from CPED's membership should be considered for the Heritage Advisory Committee given that the Committee reports to the Standing Committee.

Two-third Majority Vote.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

For further information on Councillor Appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee, please refer to page five.

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 Jayme Melrose, Common Roots Urban Farm – Support for new location for the Common Roots Urban Farm

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled "Common Routes Urban Farm: The Big Move"

Jayme Melrose of Common Roots Urban Farm provided a presentation respecting HRM support for a new location for the Common Routes Urban Farm. Highlights of the presentation included:

- An overview of Common Routes Urban Farm; its community based operations; and its planned relocation in 2019.
- Current initiatives respecting the move of the farm from its current location on QE II Health Science Centre lands.
- Potential sites for the relocation of the farm and the desire for it to be located on the peninsula near accessible transportation options.
- Requests for HRM support in establishing a new headquarters for the farm; facilitating the relocation of the farm's Community Garden Plots; and logistical support with the move in April 2019.

In response to questions from Standing Committee, Melrose advised that there have not been formal discussions with the province to relocate the farm on provincial land, but it is an option that is being

explored. Melrose further advised of Common Routes Urban Farm's interest in the potential for its operations to take place on lands within the Halifax Common, or nearby.

Denise Schofield, Director of Parks and Recreation advised that the consideration of any additional uses on the Commons Lands should take place after the Halifax Common's Master Plan is complete. Schofield provided further commentary with respect to potential logistical support that HRM could provide in assisting with a move.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to explore the following:

- 1. Potential support from HRM to secure a new headquarters for Common Roots Urban Farms.**
- 2. Potential support from HRM to facilitate the relocation of Common Roots Urban Farm's Community Garden plots; and**
- 3. Potential support from HRM to assist Common Roots Urban Farm with its move in April 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 2019 Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2019 meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 7, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Councillor Appointments to Boards/Committees

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff memorandum respecting the Councillor Appointments to Boards/Committees

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk and Hannah Forsyth, Customer Experience Intern responded to questions from the Standing Committee with respect to the Councillor Appoints to Boards and Committees.

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee agreed by consensus to vote on each nomination separately and passed the following motions:

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee appoint Councillor Outhit to the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillors Hendsbee and Whitman to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to November 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

This motion was reconsidered by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee. Please see page two. The following motion was passed:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillors Hendsbee and Austin to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to November 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillor Blackburn to Discover Halifax for a term to November 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillors Cleary and Mason to the Halifax Partnership for a term to November 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillor Austin to the Community Design Advisory Committee for a term to November 30, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Staff Presentation - Centre Plan Update

The following was before the Standing Committee

- A staff presentation dated November 15, 2018

Eric Lucic, Manger of Regional Planning and Kasia Tota, Principal Planner provided a presentation on the Centre Plan Update.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Tota provided commentary with respect to the timelines associated with the approval of Package A of the Centre Plan, advising that it is nearly complete. Tota advised that an information presentation on the status of the Centre Plan will be provided to North West Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee receive a staff presentation on the Centre Plan update as submitted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Blasting By-law B-600 Review

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated October 1, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee defer consideration of the October 1, 2018 Heritage Advisory Committee report pending a presentation from staff on the impact of blasting on heritage properties.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Personnel Matter

14.1.1 Citizen Nominations to Heritage Advisory Committee

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the nomination of four residents at large to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to November 30, 2020 as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated November 5, 2018.**
- 2. Approve the nomination of one resident at large to fill an unexpired term to November 30, 2019 as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated November 5, 2018.**
- 3. Approve the nomination of an alternative for first consideration when/if a vacancy occurs during the term.**
- 4. That the names of the successful appointees be released to the public following ratification and notification of applicants.**
- 5. That the November 5, 2018 private and confidential staff report not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Austin called three times for members of the public to address the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee. There were no members of the public present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 13, 2018 – Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax – 10:00 a.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant