



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 17, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sam Austin, Chair  
Councillor Lindell Smith, Vice Chair  
Mayor Mike Savage  
Councillor Steve Craig

**REGRETS:** Councillor Steve Streach  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**STAFF:** Maggie MacDonald, Managing Director, Government Relations and External Affairs  
Donna Boutilier, Solicitor  
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:40 p.m. The Standing Committee reconvened at 2:53 p.m. and adjourned at 2:55 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Austin, Chair called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 15 & November 29, 2018 (Special Meeting)**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Craig

**THAT the minutes of November 15 & November 29, 2018 (Special Meeting) 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 Craig, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**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**

### **8.1 November 15, 2018 – Blasting By-law B-600 Review**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated January 11, 2019 entitled: "Blasting in Halifax"
- A recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated October 1, 2018.

Peter Duncan, Manager of Infrastructure Planning, provided a presentation on Blasting By-Law B-600 and Blasting Activities in Halifax.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Duncan provided clarification on provisions within the By-law to mitigate the impacts of blasting on neighbouring properties, the requirement for the submission of a blasting plan, monitoring activities, and the requirement for a blasting mitigation plan if neighbouring properties are impacted.

In response to a follow up question, Duncan advised that if the impacts of blasting on heritage properties became a prevalent occurrence than staff would recommend that Regional Council consider amending the Blasting By-law with more stringent controls.

## **9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **10.1 Correspondence – NONE**

### **10.2 Petitions – NONE**

### **10.3 Presentation**

#### **10.3.1 Chris Atwood, Executive Director, CBDC Blue Water - CBDC Bluewater: Economic Development in rural HRM**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated January 17, 2019 entitled: “Community Business Development Corporations Can Help”
- Supplementary information from CBDC Blue Water

Chris Atwood, Executive Director of CBDC Blue Water introduced Alayne Jackson, Senior Development Officer and provided a presentation on the CBDC Blue Water’s role in the economic development of rural HRM.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Atwood noted that the greatest challenge facing CBDC Blue Water is communications and marketing. Atwood advised that the organization covers a large geographic area and ensuring that small business owners in rural markets are aware of corporation and its services presents challenges.

In response to a follow up question, Atwood advised that CBDC Blue Water has maintained strong partnerships with HRM’s Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) within the communities that it serves. Atwood noted that CBDC will continue to establish partnerships with other BIDs as they are formed.

#### **10.3.2 John Rogers, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Partnership - Halifax Partnership – An Economic Snapshot, Highlights of 2018-19 Initiatives & Results to Date**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated January 19, 2019 entitled: “Economic Update and Activities to Date”
- Supplementary information from the Halifax Partnership

John Rogers, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Halifax Partnership, introduced Ruth Cunningham, Senior Vice President of Programs and Operations, and Ian Munro, Chief Economist and provided a presentation on the Economic Snapshot, Highlights of 2018-19 Initiatives & Results to Date.

In response to questions from the Committee, Rogers provided clarification on Diversity and Inclusion initiatives currently being undertaken by the Halifax Partnership respecting labour force participation among African Nova Scotia and Indigenous Communities. Rogers provided further commentary with respect to ongoing partnerships with HRM University and Colleges regarding experiential learning and the retention of new graduates.

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

## **12. REPORTS**

### **12.1 STAFF**

#### **12.1.1 Building Poverty Solutions – Ideas for Action**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 20, 2018
- A staff presentation dated January 16, 2019 entitled: "Building Poverty Solutions –Ideas for Action"

Scott Sheffield, Community Developer, introduced Sarah Napier, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Way Halifax and provided a presentation on the Building Poverty Solutions.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

- 1. Continue to work collaboratively with United Way Halifax on the development and implementation of anti-poverty solutions for the municipality;**
- 2. Include a strategic response to the United Way report "Building poverty solutions: Ideas for Action" in the development of a Social Policy Lens; and**
- 3. Incorporate updates on federal/provincial poverty reduction action plans and basic income projects when reporting on the Social policy lens and poverty reduction solutions.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.4 COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

**14.1 Approval of In Camera (In Private) Minutes – November 15, 2018**

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

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 15, 2018 as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14.2 Personnel Matter**

**14.2.1 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 Craig, seconded by Councillor Smith

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

- 1. Nominate one resident 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 January 3, 2019.**

2. Nominate an alternative for first consideration when/if a vacancy occurs during the term.
3. That the names of the successful appointees be released to the public following ratification and notification of applicants.

**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 – February 21, 2019 – Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax – 10:00 a.m.**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant