



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 19, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith, Vice Chair
Councillor Paul Russell
Councillor Tim Outhit

GUEST: Councillor David Hendsbee

REGRETS: Councillor Wayne Mason
Councillor Steve Streach

STAFF: Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation
Donna Boutlier, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Municipal Clerk

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**Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Minutes
November 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., and adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Sam Austin, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 16, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the minutes of May 16, 2019 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 Russell, 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 – 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

Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Municipal Clerk advised that the correspondence had been received for agenda item 12.1.5. This correspondence was distributed to members of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation – NONE

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 African Nova Scotian Economic Action Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated May 13, 2019
- A presentation entitled: Road to Economic Prosperity: An African Nova Scotian Economic Action Plan

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee receive a staff presentation on the African Nova Scotian Economic Action Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Ayo Aladejebi, Senior Advisor, African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office provided a presentation with Carolann Wright, of the Halifax Partnership with respect to the African Nova Scotian Economic Action Plan.

In response to question from the Standing Committee, Wright advised that further information regarding changes to the development process in the community of Beechville is forthcoming, and a report will be presented to Council in the near future.

In response to a follow up question Aladejebi provided further detail with respect to the re-naming of the industrial park in Beechville.

12.1.2 2020 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 10, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2020 meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment A of the October 10, 2019 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Halifax's Regional Destination Development Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 9, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council endorse the development of a Regional Destination Development Plan by Discover Halifax.

Maggie MacDonald, Manager of Program Support Services advised that short term rentals will likely be addressed by the various stakeholders through discussions on the Regional Destination Development Plan.

Councillor Hendsbee requested that a full presentation on the matter take place at Halifax Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Case H00446: Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan, Bylaw, and Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 25, 2019
- A staff presentation entitled: Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District

Seamus McGreal, Planner III provided a presentation on Case H00446: Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan, Bylaw, and Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

- 1. Give First Reading to consider the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated September 25, 2019 and schedule a public hearing;**
- 2. Adopt the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan, the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated September 25, 2019.**

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, McGreal advised that staff are currently evaluating the project timeframes for future heritage conservation districts and are contemplating the creation of a stakeholder Committee to determine a new public participation program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.5 Municipal Role in Supporting Food Security (Project 21769)

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 21, 2019
- A staff presentation entitled: Municipal Role in Supporting Food Policy
- Correspondence from Wesley Petite and Maddeline Waddington, Dr. Claudia Sarbu, Marcia DeSantis, Holly Gillis

Leticia Smilie, Planner III provided a presentation on Project 21769: Municipal Role in Supporting Food Policy

Councillor Outhit left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

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

- 1. Affirm HRM's membership on the Halifax Food Policy Alliance (HFPA) Steering Committee and endorse the HFPA terms of reference, as contained in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 21, 2019;**
- 2. Endorse in principle the Halifax Food Charter, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 21, 2019, as the guiding direction for preparing a Halifax Food Action Plan;**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, to negotiate and execute, on terms acceptable to the Chief Administrative Officer, a contribution agreement with the HFPA (or**

designated member organization), to provide a financial contribution of up to \$60,000, plus in-kind support, to be used towards the development of a Halifax Food Action Plan, contingent upon the HFPA (or designated member organization) obtaining sufficient commitments from other sources to fund and support the project; and

4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to consider community food security as part of the 2019/2020 Council Priority Outcome: Healthy, Liveable Communities deliverable to develop a community well-being index.

5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include funds in the 2020/21 operating budget to support initiatives flowing from the Halifax Food Action Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

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 Standing Committee. There were none present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 12, 2019

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Liam MacSween
A/Deputy Municipal Clerk