



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 11, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Lindell Smith, Chair  
Councillor Paul Russell, Vice Chair  
Councillor Steve Streach  
Councillor Paul Russell

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Donna Boutlier, Solicitor  
Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Clerk

*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. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:27 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 11:29 a.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Sam Austin, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Clerk opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Councillor Smith 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 no further nominations.

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

Councillor Smith opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT Paul Russell be nominated as Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

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

Councillor Smith called three times for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

Councillor Russell was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 19, 2019**

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the minutes of November 19, 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 Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

**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 – NONE**

**10.2 Petitions – NONE**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Nancy A. Noble, Chief Executive Officer and Colin Stinson, Director of Marketing and Visitor Experience, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia – New Ways of Thinking**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated December 11, 2019

Nancy Noble, Chief Executive Officer and Colin Stinson, Director of Marketing and Visitor Experience with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia provided a presentation on the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia – New Ways of Thinking. Noble and Stinson provided an overview of planning for a new Art Gallery to be located on the Halifax Waterfront. Highlights include an overview of the proposed design and build phase, the proposed budget and capital costs, proposed province-wide public engagement activities, and funding contributions from other levels of government. Noble concluded the presentation by advising that the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia will be looking for funding commitment from HRM equal to five percent of the overall \$130 million project cost.

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Noble advised that the design scale is proposed to be an open international competition. In terms of public engagement, Noble advised that conceptual designs will be presented to the public and will take place across the province. Further, Noble advised that the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia will consult with diverse communities.

Responding to question, Colin Stinson advised that the current Art Gallery building will remain in the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal's asset portfolio. Stinson advised that the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia would be interested in partnering the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design to share space within the new building.

In response to a follow up question, Noble advised that the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia is partnered with Develop Nova Scotia who will lead the building construction. Noble advised that Develop Nova Scotia has undertaken a great deal of work on the impact of sea level rise on building construction near the water front.

Noble further advised that the timeline for the project is not yet finalized but noted that the design competition will take place early in the new year. Noble advised that the project is likely four or five years out to opening.

In response to a follow up question, Denise Schofield, Director of Parks and Recreation advised that a formal proposal and presentation to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee should be considered with respect to the financial ask.

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

## **12. REPORTS**

### **12.1 STAFF**

#### **12.1.1 Staff Presentation – Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan Update**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff presentation dated December 11, 2019

Kate Greene, Regional Policy Program Manager and Kellie McIvor, Cultural Asset Manager provided an update presentation on the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan.

In response to a question, Greene advised that staff is targeting to bring the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan forward in March of 2020. In terms of public engagement, Greene noted that staff have focused on core arts and heritage groups and have facilitated ongoing conversations over time.

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

### **12.3 COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE**

### **12.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE**

## **13. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

### **14.1 Personnel Matter – Private and Confidential Report**

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:**

- 1. Confirm the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council with regard to the Personnel Matter as discussed In Camera and;**
- 2. That the Private and Confidential staff report dated December 3, 2019 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **14.2 Personnel Matter – Private and Confidential Report**

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:**

- 1. Confirm the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council with regard to the Personnel Matter as discussed In Camera and;**

**2. That the Private and Confidential staff report dated December 5, 2019 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Smith called three times for members of the public to address the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee. There were none present.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 16, 2020 – Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Liam MacSween  
A/Deputy Clerk