



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
February 18, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Blackburn, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Pamela Lovelace

GUEST: Councillor Paul Russell

STAFF: Donna Boutilier, Solicitor
Denise Schofield, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
Simon Ross-Siegel, 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 10:02 a.m. and adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 28, 2021

The Clerk noted a correction to the minutes that Councillor Cuttell requested that Information Item 2. Halifax Green Network Plan 2020 Annual Progress Report be brought forward to discussion at the February 18, 2021 meeting of the Standing Committee, and not Councillor Purdy as was previously indicated.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the minutes of January 28, 2021 be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

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 – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Municipal Clerk's Office received correspondence relating to item 11.1 which was circulated to members of the Standing Committee.

For a detailed list of the correspondence received, refer to the specific item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Fair Wage/Living Wage Framework – *Brad Smith, Executive Director, Mainland Building Trades, Robert Shepherd, President, NSCLRA, and Jack Wall, President, Cape Breton Building Trades*

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated February 4, 2021
- A presentation on "Fair Wage/Living Wage Framework"

Brad Smith, Executive Director, Mainland Building Trades and Robert Shepherd, President, NSCLRA, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation on the Fair Wage/Living Wage Framework and responded to questions from members of the Standing Committee.

The Chair thanked the speakers for the presentation.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 Halifax Green Network Plan 2020 Annual Progress Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 25, 2020
- A staff presentation on “Halifax Green Network Plan 2020 Annual Progress Report”
- Correspondence from Meredith Baldwin, Janet Barlow, M.E. Donovan QC, Bill Campbell, Peter Lund, Wendy McDonald, Karen Robinson and Dale Smith.

Kathleen Fralic, Planner III, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation on the Halifax Green Network Plan 2020 Annual Progress Report and responded to questions from members of the Standing Committee. Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning, answered questions regarding crossover between different levels of government and engagement with Parks Canada. Katherine Greene, Regional Policy Program Manager, answered questions regarding resources and priorities.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Development of 2022-27 Economic Strategy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 8, 2021
- A staff presentation on “Development of 2022-27 Economic Strategy”

Wendy Luther, President and CEO of Halifax Partnership, and Ian Munroe, Chief Economist of Halifax Partnership, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation on the Development of the 2022-27 Economic Strategy and responded to questions from members of the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a 2022-2027 Economic Strategy in collaboration with the Halifax Partnership, in accordance with the approach set out in the February 8, 2021 report and the related Halifax Partnership presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 11, 2021

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant