



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 20, 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 Cathy Deagle Gammon  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Paul Russell

**STAFF:** Donna Boutilier, Solicitor  
Denise Schofield, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and adjourned at 12:04 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the minutes of April 15, 2021 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

*Additions:*

- 15.1 Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions Presentation
- Information Item 2. Information report from Kelly Denty, Executive Director of Planning and Development dated May 4, 2021 re: Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions Report

As set out in Section 10 (1) and (2) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, all members of Regional Council must consent to consider or decide on an additional matter.

The Clerk noted that consent of all members had been received to add items 15.1 Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions Presentation and Information Item 2. Information report from Kelly Denty, Executive Director of Planning and Development dated May 4, 2021 re: Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions Report.

Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item 2 be brought forward for discussion at the June 17, 2021 meeting of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Smith requested that item 12.1.2 be considered prior to item 12.1.1.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**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 Presentations**

**10.3.1 Our HRM Alliance 7 Solutions** – Meredith Baldwin, Our HRM Alliance Coordinator, and Kathleen Hall, Our HRM Alliance Chair

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated March 18, 2021
- A presentation dated May 20, 2021

Meredith Baldwin, Our HRM Alliance Coordinator, and Kathleen Hall, Our HRM Alliance Chair, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation regarding Our HRM Alliance's 7 Solutions and proposals for sustainable development as part of staff's review of the Regional Plan. The Chair thanked the speakers for the presentation.

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

### **12. REPORTS**

#### **12.1 STAFF**

##### **12.1.1 Noise Management and Mitigation in Downtown Areas – Argyle Street Entertainment District**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 22, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council approve By-law N-206, amending By-law N-200, Respecting Noise, as set out in Attachment B of the March 22 report.**

Ross Grant, Planner II, answered questions for the Standing Committee. Several Councillors asked about the extent to which staff has consulted with the Business Improvement District representatives and business stakeholders in the Argyle Street Entertainment District regarding the recommendation as well as the alternative to amend the proposed hours to more closely align with Nova Scotia Liquor Regulations for hours of operation of Licensed Establishments. Staff noted that while staff performed consultation regarding noise policies early in 2020, did staff not have the opportunity to consult regarding specific options for proposed hours. Following further discussion, Standing Committee proposed to approve the recommendation to Regional Council and then, if requested by Regional Council, the motion can be deferred to enable staff to engage in further consultation with the Business Improvement Districts.

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

#### **12.1.2 Multi-Service Youth Centre Evaluation**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 6, 2021

Angela Green, Manager of Recreation and Programming, and Lee Moore, Manager of Youth Programs, answered questions for the Standing Committee. Several Councillors requested that staff circulate a list of communities for which staff is considering in the rollout of the next round of multi-service youth centres. Lee Moore proposed to undertake to collect and provide this information to as a handout to Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

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

- 1. Approve the continuation of the collaborative multi-agency, Multi-Service Youth Centre (The Den) at Acadia School in Lower Sackville;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue to seek opportunities to establish multi-services youth centres in other areas of the municipality based on the approach outlined in the discussion section of the April 6, 2021 report;**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to adopt the multi-service youth centre model as outlined in this report as the preferred model in the delivery of programs and services to youth in the municipality; and**
- 4. Subject to approval of funds in the 2022/23 budget, the confirmation of a suitable location and the commitment of the stakeholders, approve the creation of a multi-service youth centre in the Spryfield/Herring Cove area.**

**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**

**15.1 Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions Presentation**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff presentation dated May 20, 2021

Katherine Green, Program Manager of Regional Policy and Regional Planning, gave a presentation regarding the Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions. A copy of the presentation is on file.

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**16.1 Councillor Austin**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, I intend to move to request a staff report regarding possible options and opportunities to create an HRM-wide Parks Advisory Committee.

**16.2 Councillor Austin**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, I intend to move to request a staff report regarding the clarification of standards in the Construction Mitigation Policy and Administrative Order 2018-005-ADM to:

1. clarify when a temporary sidewalk will be required, or a temporary crosswalk if a sidewalk or temporary sidewalk cannot be provided on one side of the street; and,
2. require reduction in the extent of the encroachment as stages of construction progresses.

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Steve Craig, Member of the Legislature for Sackville-Cobequid**, stated enthusiasm with the outcome of staff's work and collaboration for the development of the Multi-Service Youth Centre Evaluation report. When discussing ongoing budget challenges, the speaker stated that they hope Council will keep the challenges that youth-oriented organization also face regarding funding close to mind.

The speaker noted that there were no other registered public speakers and closed public participation.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 17, 2021**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant