



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 21, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Trish Purdy, Chair  
Councillor Patty Cuttell, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Deagle-Gammon  
Councillor Hendsbee

**STAFF:** Donna Boutilier, Solicitor  
Maggie MacDonald, 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.*

*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 10:05 a.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 12:38 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 17, 2022**

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the minutes of February 17, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**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**

**11.1 Correspondence**

General correspondence was received and circulated from Bill Stewart.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

### **10.3 Presentation**

#### **10.3.1 Improving Internet Connectivity – Jennifer Angel, President and CEO of Develop Nova Scotia**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Speaker Request to Present dated March 29, 2022
- Speaker Presentation dated April 21, 2022

Jennifer Angel, President and CEO of Develop Nova Scotia and Deborah Page, Director, Marketing and Communications, gave a presentation on Improving Internet Connectivity and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

#### **10.3.2 Concerns Regarding Bylaw P-600 – Sakura Saunders and Ashlee Hinchey, Representatives of Permanent Accessible Dignified Safe Housing for All (PADS) Community Advocacy Network**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Speaker Request to Present dated March 16, 2022
- Speaker Presentation dated April 21, 2022

Sakura Saunders and Ashlee Hinchey, Representatives of Permanent Accessible Dignified Safe Housing for All (PADS) Community Advocacy Network, gave a presentation on Concerns Regarding Bylaw P-600 and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding ongoing work regarding housing support for unhoused persons. MacDonald stated that an interim report is aiming to return to Regional Council within several weeks.

Donna Boutilier, Solicitor, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding the enforcement of Bylaw P-600.

## **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:

- Staff Presentation dated April 21, 2022

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee. Responding to a question regarding the incorporation of African Nova Scotian cultural priorities, Murnaghan noted that work is underway and staff would give the Councillor an update and future information would return to the Standing Committee on this item. In response to a question regarding the relationship with Nova Scotia's First Nations, Donna Boutilier, Solicitor, and Murnaghan stated that staff will return with an update regarding previous consideration for the formation of a First Nations Advisory Committee.

#### **12.1.2 Staff Presentation – Rural Recreation Strategy - Public Consultation Results**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff Presentation dated April 21, 2022

Angela Green, Director of Recreation Programming and Diane Levandier, Area Coordinator for Mainland North and Western Regions, gave a presentation on the Rural Recreation Strategy - Public Consultation Results and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee extend the meeting to end at 1:00 p.m.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Meaghan Dalton, Community Developer, answered questions of clarification.

**12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.3 COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE**

**13. MOTIONS**

**13.1 Councillor Cuttell: Parkland Dedication Increase**

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on the process and feasibility of removing the 5% parkland dedication for the first three lots subdivided from any parcel of land in existence on June 16, 2007 and instead require a 10% for all parkland dedication.**

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair called for members of the public wishing to speak on the matter; there were none present.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 19, 2022**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant