



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
June 30, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Trish Purdy, Chair
Councillor Patty Cuttell, Vice-Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Mayor Mike Savage, Ex Officio

REGRETS: Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lovelace
Councillor Hendsbee

STAFF: Donna Boutilier, Solicitor
Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
Eric Bowdridge, Legislative Assistant
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:41 a.m. and reconvened at 11:55 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

4. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

4.1 Correspondence – None

4.2 Petitions – None

4.3 Presentation

4.3.1 Quality of Life Survey Results – Danny Graham, Chief Engagement Officer of Engage Nova Scotia

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation dated June 30, 2022
- Handout titled “Women’s Quality of Life in Halifax Regional Municipality Results from the 2019 Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey Report”

It was proposed to suspend speaking rules pursuant to Administrative Order One to allow the presenters 60 minutes of presentation time and to enable Councillors to speak more than twice to the question without leave of the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee suspend speaking rules pursuant to Section 4 (2) of Administrative Order One.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mayor Savage gave introductory remarks regarding the presenters, the importance of the presentation topic, and highlighted the role of the Halifax Regional Municipality has as a collaborative partner in advancing the quality of life for residents.

Danny Graham, Chief Engagement Officer, Engage Nova Scotia, and Sara Napier, President & CEO of United Way Halifax, gave a presentation on the Quality of Life Survey Results and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

The presentation highlighted:

- Scope of the study and the themes of questions asked to residents
- An overview of partners supporting the study, including various municipalities, not-for-profits, businesses, and Dalhousie University, and the intention in prioritizing the development of relationships with under-represented communities to foster active partnerships and trust
- Reports that informed the creation of this survey and the tools used to tell the story of the results from the data collected
- Residents feeling connected to and trust in their neighbours, community, and government as a large component of well-being
- Comparison of life satisfaction with other large Canadian Municipalities
- How this study can be used by other jurisdictions

Several Councillors expressed the desire to forward the Women's Quality of Life in Halifax Regional Municipality Results from the 2019 Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey Report to the Women's Advisory Committee for information purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report which will:

- 1. Identify potential funding sources to possibly grant \$40,000 to support the work of Engage Nova Scotia; and**
- 2. Make recommendations on formalizing the relationship between Halifax Regional Municipality and Engage Nova Scotia with the intent to provide the municipality with information to better understand the needs and wellbeing of citizens of HRM.**

Donna Boutilier, Solicitor, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee and noted that this motion could be forwarded along to Regional Council for consideration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Danny Graham, Chief Engagement Officer, Engage Nova Scotia, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding the intellectual property of the tool in partnership with Dalhousie University, finding a balance between broader utility of the tool while maintaining the integrity of the tool, and interest from other levels of government.

5. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 5.1 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.1 PERSONNEL MATTER

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated May 18, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the staff report dated May 18, 2022 be maintained as private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Annie Sherry
Legislative Assistant