HALIFAX

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 17, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace

REGRETS: Councillor Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Claire Gillivan, Solicitor
                              Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
                              Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:09 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.

1.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Cuttell be nominated for Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Cuttell accepted the nomination.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations, there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Cuttell was declared Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Cuttell assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Councillor Purdy be nominated for Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Purdy accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Purdy was declared Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 15, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of September 15, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:
- Item 15.1 – Bedford West Park Facilities Plan

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 10.3.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation
10.3.1 Hubbards Streetscape Project Placemaking Plan – *Melanie McIvor, Community Chair, Hubbards Streetscape Project*

The following was before the Standing Committee:
- Request to present dated September 27, 2022
- Presentation dated November 17, 2022

Paul Dec, Urban and Rural Planner with Upland Planning and Design Studio, and Melanie McIvor, Community Chair, Hubbards Streetscape Project gave a presentation on the Hubbards Streetscape Project and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee refer the Hubbards Streetscape Project Placemaking Plan presentation to the Chief Administrative Officer for a staff report on how to support the Hubbards Streetscape Project.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Halifax Public Gardens Proposal – *Robert Pace, Chair of the Board of Public Gardens Foundation*

The following was before the Standing Committee:
- Request to present dated November 7, 2022
- Presentation dated November 17, 2022
- Correspondence from Howard Epstein

Robert Pace, Chair of the Board of the Halifax Public Gardens Foundation gave a presentation on a proposal for construction of a public accessible greenhouse for the Halifax Public Gardens 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.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Engage with other tenants, stakeholders and the public to obtain feedback on the project as presented at the November 17, 2022 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee presentation from the Board of the Halifax Public Gardens Foundation; and**

2. **Prepare a staff report assessing the proposal for incorporation into further development of the Wanderer's Block within the context of the 2022 Halifax Common Master Plan as approved in principle, and identifying possible funding sources.**

Councillor Cuttell proposed that recommendation 2 be amended to include "and identifying possible funding sources, and exploring governance models for the public gardens as a whole". As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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1. **Engage with other tenants, stakeholders and the public to obtain feedback on the project as presented at the November 17, 2022 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee presentation from the Board of the Halifax Public Gardens Foundation; and**

2. Prepare a staff report assessing the proposal for incorporation into further development of the Wanderer's Block within the context of the 2022 Halifax Common Master Plan as approved in principle, and identifying possible funding sources, and exploring governance models for the public gardens as a whole.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS
12.1 STAFF
12.1.1 Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:
- Staff memorandum dated November 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2023 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Councillor Appointments to Boards and Committees

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee appoint one (1) member to the Executive Standing Committee commencing December 1, 2022, for a term to November 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillor Purdy as a representative member to the Executive Standing Committee commencing December 1, 2022, for a term to November 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillor Cuttell as a representative member to the Executive Standing Committee commencing December 1, 2022, for a term to November 2024.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to appoint one member of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to the Executive Standing Committee. Councillor Cuttell was declared the successful nominee.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee appoint Councillor Cuttell as a representative member to the Executive Standing Committee commencing December 1, 2022, for a term to November 2024.

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 Bedford West Park Facilities Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:
- Staff recommendation report dated November 14, 2022
- Staff presentation dated November 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the Bedford West Park Facilities Plan as set out in Attachment B of the November 14, 2022 report as a guiding document for future park improvements in the Community of Bedford West.

Stephen Cushing, Landscape Architect gave a presentation the Bedford West Facilities Plan. Cushing and Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 19, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant