



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
October 23, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Sam Austin, Vice Chair  
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Patty Cuttell  
Councillor Paul Russell

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Iona Stoddard

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative  
Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer  
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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*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).*

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:35 a.m. The Standing Committee reconvened at 11:02 a.m. and adjourned at 11:08 a.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 – September 25, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the minutes of September 25, 2023 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 Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

**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 – None**

### **10.2 Petitions – None**

### **10.3 Presentation – None**

## **11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Savage noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

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

## **13. REPORTS**

### **13.1 STAFF**

#### **13.1.1 2022 District Boundary Review Phase One: Electoral Reforms Requiring Legislative Amendments**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

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- Staff report dated September 8, 2023

Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager noted page 3 of the staff report dated September 8, 2023 contained an error. December 21, 2022 should be replaced with December 21, 2021. As well, references to 'school board' would be replaced with different terminology.

MacSween spoke to the topic and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Executive Standing Committee forward the staff report dated September 8, 2023 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the motion be amended to 'recommend Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor and CAO to request the Province of Nova Scotia revisit allowing Permanent Residents to be allowed to vote, and to give the municipality legislative permission to consider a Mi'kmaw council seat, subject to consultation and agreement with Mi'kmaw representatives.'**

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee forward the staff report dated September 8, 2023 to Halifax Regional Council and recommend Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor and CAO to request the Province of Nova Scotia revisit allowing Permanent Residents to be allowed to vote.**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor and CAO to request the Province of Nova Scotia to give the municipality legislative permission to consider a Mi'kmaw council seat, subject to consultation and agreement with Mi'kmaw representatives.**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor and CAO to request the Province of Nova Scotia revisit allowing Permanent Residents to be allowed to vote, and to give the municipality legislative permission to consider a Mi'kmaw council seat, subject to consultation and agreement with Mi'kmaw representatives.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. MOTIONS – NONE**

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**15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee convene In Camera (In Private).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report**

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

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential report dated October 23, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated October 23, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated October 23, 2023 be maintained as private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 27, 2023**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Catie Campbell  
Legislative Assistant