



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
REVISED  
January 18, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Patty Cuttell, Chair  
Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**STAFF:** Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation  
Meg MacDougall, Solicitor  
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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

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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 11:20 a.m. The Committee reconvened at 11:35 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 11:37 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 – December 14, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the minutes of December 14, 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 Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**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**

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 10.3.1 and 13.1.1.

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

### **10.2 Petitions – None**

### **10.3 Presentation**

#### **10.3.1 Save Centennial Pool Committee - Trevor Brumwell**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated November 28, 2023
- Correspondence from Tanya Dutton, Margo Grant, Dan Thompson, Trevor Brumwell, Nigel Kemp, Bill Niven, Jim Parsons

Trevor Brumwell, Save Centennial Pool Committee spoke to the topic and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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

## 11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Marilyn Pincock, Downtown Halifax** spoke in support of preserving Centennial Pool. Pincock noted Centennial Pool's accessibility features, affordability, recent renovations, proximity to transit routes, parking availability and recent renovations. Pincock highlighted capacity issues with other pools and emphasized Centennial Pool's role in the community and positive impact on physical and mental well-being.

**Tanya Dutton, Williams Street** spoke in support of preserving Centennial Pool and noted the history of the pool. Dutton spoke to Centennial Pool's accessibility features for seniors, recreation activities, proximity to transit routes, affordability and positive impact on physical and mental health. Dutton noted concerns with development, vacant lands not being utilized for affordable housing and concerns with lack of community engagement.

**Linda Hunt, Committee to Save Centennial Pool** spoke to their history of using Centennial Pool. Hunt noted the pool's role in the local and competitive swimming community.

**Nigel Kemp, Halifax** spoke to their history of coaching competitive swimming at Centennial Pool and its integral role in competitive swimming training. Kemp noted renovations and investments in the pool that have maintained its function. Kemp highlighted the Municipality's Aquatic Strategy, affordability and community services the pool provides.

**Nancy Mahoney, Committee to Save Centennial Pool** spoke to leading aquacise classes at Centennial Pool and aquacise role in maintaining mental and physical health for seniors. Mahoney noted affordability, community support, accessibility measures and the pool's proximity to transit.

**Janet Stevenson, Halifax** noted support for preserving Centennial Pool and other pools on the peninsula. Stevenson highlighted the pool's accessibility for the community and the recreational use. Stevenson encouraged Municipal staff to not decommission the pool and to develop a comprehensive business model for the development of a new aquatic facility.

**Jim Parson, Bloomfield Street** spoke in favour of preserving Centennial Pool. Parson noted the pool's affordability, accessibility, use by competitive divers, swimmers and local military personnel. Parson emphasized the pool's role in supporting physical and mental health and in the community. Parson raised concerns regarding vacant land and lack of affordable housing development.

**Mary Spurr, resident** spoke to working in the education system and Centennial Pool's affordability. Spurr encouraged Municipal staff to revision Centennial Pool and promoted the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre. Spurr highlighted the North American Indigenous Games and encouraged Centennial Pool to support cultural events.

## 12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

## 13. REPORTS

### 13.1 STAFF

#### 13.1.1 Lake Banook Master Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 17, 2023
- Correspondence from Tim Olive
- Staff presentation dated January 18, 2024

Beth Bray, Landscape Architect gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the Coordination Plan as outlined in the staff report dated July 17, 2023 and return to Regional Council with a staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**14. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee convene In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report.**

**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 staff report dated July 17, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 16, 2024 and;**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated January 16, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 15, 2024**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

**CPED Standing Committee  
January 18, 2024  
Minutes**

Catie Campbell  
Legislative Assistant