



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 15, 2024**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Kathryn Morse
Councillor Pam Lovelace

STAFF: Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor
Catie Campbell, 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.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 11:37 a.m..

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 – January 18, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of January 18, 2024 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 Smith, 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 item 13.1.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bette El-Hawary, Executive Director of Swim Nova Scotia spoke about the membership composition of Swim Nova Scotia, need to prioritize competitive and non-competitive pools, the accessibility of Centennial Pool and collaboration with Municipal staff on the Aquatic Strategy. El-Hawary noted support for conducting research on pool capacities in the Municipality and highlighted the importance of affordability for pools. El-Hawary responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding research and community priorities.

Trevor Brumwell, on behalf of Save Centennial Pool Committee spoke to preserving Centennial Pool and noted the need to maintain public assets, Save Centennial Pool Committee's collaboration with community stakeholders, need for an additional 50-meter pool, need for long-term planning, and Centennial Pool's role in the community. Brumwell responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding collaboration with Municipal staff.

Janet Stevenson, Halifax spoke in support of preserving Centennial Pool and noted the functionality of the Centennial Pool, positive impact on the community, accessibility, affordability, proximity to bus and bike routes and the Pool as a public asset. Stevenson voiced concerns with collaboration with the YMCA and Dalplex because of affordability and public access.

Donna Saunier, Halifax spoke in support of preserving Centennial Pool. Saunier noted affordability of the pool, access for seniors, the pool as a public asset and encouraged maintaining of historic buildings. Saunier highlighted population increase and need for community supports.

Julie Post, North End Halifax spoke in support of preserving Centennial Pool and encouraged a car free lifestyle. Post noted importance of having activities on the peninsula to encourage people to use other means of transportation.

Jill Manderson, North End Halifax spoke in support of preserving Centennial Pool. Manderson noted the pool's accessibility for seniors, proximity to downtown core and bus routes and the functionality of the pool.

Jim Parsons, North End Halifax spoke in support of preserving Centennial Pool. Parsons noted the pool's accessibility for seniors and benefits for all ages.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 People. Planet, Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated January 25, 2024
- Staff presentation dated February 15, 2024

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Wendy Luther, Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Partnership gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council approve Attachment 1 of the staff report dated January 25, 2024 as the action plan for years three-to-five (2024-2027) of the five-year People. Planet, Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy 2022-2027.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Centennial Pool Replacement Planning

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated January 18, 2024
- Correspondence from Kristy Legge, Christie Dion, Sue Robinson, Tiffany Andres, Heather Napoli, Ramon Ramirez, T. Cobean, Jessica Burke, Chantel Renkema, Heather Cumming, Kathryn Hull, Victoria Bentley, Shannon Peterson, Oleh Zadoretzky, Oksana Nagina, Martine Comeau, Sarah

Uddin, Lauren Frazee, Jamie Taylor, Antonia Sly Nichols, Helene Deacon, Kevin B. Estabrooks, Andrew Drayson, Mike Thebault, Alison Kennedy, Kyna Mason, Darren R. Hiltz, Craig and Stacey Durling, Marie Muise, Sarah Terauds, Tricia Murray-d'Eon, Thomas Bellefontaine, Greg O'Malley, Gary Furlong, Chris Stone, Jennifer Gauthier, Curtis Karrel, Wendy Dauphinee, Cassidy Karrel, Trevor Brumwell, Danny French, Dawn MacLellan, Jana Macalik, Danny French, Jody Crowther, Megan McLaren, Darren Morgans, Patrick Donnelly, Dr. Megan Mykietiuik, Julia Brydon, Sheila Fougère, Kathryn Hull, Greg Wieczorek, Judith Fingard, Ashley Hurshman

- Staff presentation dated February 15, 2024

Jacqueline Belisle, Policy Planning Coordinator and Taylor Dagenais, Community Planner gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to advance a Training and Competition Aquatic Facility Study as outlined in the staff report dated January 18, 2024 and report back to Regional Council with its findings and recommendations for the development of such a facility.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 21, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant