



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 20, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Janet Steele, Vice Chair
Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Jean St-Amand

REGRETS: Councillor Deagle Gammon, Chair
Councillor Patty Cuttell

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor White

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

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

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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 – February 13, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the minutes of February 13, 2025 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 Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council waive the rules of order section 45 (1) (a) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, to permit more than a maximum of two presentations to be scheduled per meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Dartmouth Curling Club Partnership Opportunity

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated November 14, 2024
- Presentation dated March 20, 2025

Ralph Jacob and Susan Burris, Representatives of the Dartmouth Curling Club gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to engage with the Dartmouth Curling Club on options and opportunities for a new curling facility and potential municipal involvement and return to Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee with a staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Turret Arts Space Funding Proposal

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated December 5, 2024
- Presentation dated March 20, 2025
- Handout dated March 20, 2025

Angela Henderson, Board of Directors for the Turret Arts Space Society and Alexis Cormier, Project Manager of Turret Arts Space Project gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report responding to the request of the Turret Arts Society, and addressing options for municipal support, including funding, to the Society to contribute to their project of restoring the Turret/Khyber building and bringing the historic arts hub and community space to back to life.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.3 Short Term Rental Association of Nova Scotia

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated February 24, 2025
- Presentation dated March 20, 2025
- Handout dated March 20, 2025

Catherine Sanderson, Director of the Short Term Rental Association of Nova Scotia gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Liz Darcey, Lawrencetown spoke about the impact of the bylaw restrictions regarding short term rentals on their property and on family members in similar circumstances.

Sobaz Benjamin, Halifax North End spoke about the proposed queer arts designation sought by the Turrets Arts Society and the value this would have to members of the queer community in Halifax.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS – NONE

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated March 11, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by St-Amand

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2025; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 17, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant