



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 17, 2025**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Kathryn Morse
Councillor Laura White

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

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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 – March 20, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the minutes of March 20, 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 St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Steele

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 13.1.1

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Nova Scotia Heritage Trust Proposal for Strengthening Built Heritage Protection

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated November 5, 2024
- Presentation dated April 17, 2025

Andrea Arbic, President of Nova Scotia Heritage Trust and Emma Lang, Executive Director of Nova Scotia Heritage Trust gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an information report on action that can be undertaken to further support built heritage.

Councillor Morse proposed including a request to provide specific options to request changes in provincial legislation regarding heritage protection. 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 Steele, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an information report on actions, current and future, that can be undertaken to further support built heritage including specific options to request changes in provincial legislation regarding heritage protection.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Halifax West Mainland Common Park Trailhead Planning and Design Recommendations

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated March 4, 2025
- Presentation dated April 17, 2025

Jessica Boyd, Chair of the Halifax North West Trails Association and Tony Cranford, Maintenance Lead for the Halifax North West Trails Association gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair 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 Integrated Tourism Master Plan 2023 Status Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 20, 2025
- Staff presentation dated April 17, 2025

Ross Jefferson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Discover Halifax gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- 1. Receive the staff report dated March 20, 2025 for information and receive a presentation from Discover Halifax regarding the Integrated Tourism Master Plan; and,**

2. Forward the staff report dated March 20, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council for information.

Jefferson and Brian White, Vice President of Destination Development 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 – May 15, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant