



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
June 26, 2025**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Trish Purdy

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

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee at a future meeting.

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 10:03 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 – April 17, 2025 and June 11, 2025 Special Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the minutes of April 17, 2025 and June 11, 2025 Special Meeting 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 Steele, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the following item be deferred to the August 21, 2025 meeting of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- Item 13.1.3 Park Steward Program

MOTION TO DEFER 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 Municipal Construction Mitigation Fund for Small Businesses

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated April 9, 2025
- Presentation dated June 26, 2025

Duncan Robertson, Director of Legislative Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Ashley Blissett, Manager Development Engineering 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 Update – People. Planet, Prosperity: Halifax’s Inclusive Economic Strategy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 27, 2025
- Halifax Partnership presentation dated June 26, 2025
- Halifax Partnership handout June 26, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- 1. Receive the staff report dated May 27, 2025 for information and receive a presentation from the Halifax Partnership regarding People. Planet, Prosperity: Halifax’s Inclusive Economic Strategy; and,**
- 2. Forward the staff report dated May 27, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council for information.**

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

Councillor Kent proposed Regional Council also receive the presentation. 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 Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- 1. Receive the staff report dated May 27, 2025 for information and receive a presentation from the Halifax Partnership regarding People. Planet, Prosperity: Halifax’s Inclusive Economic Strategy; and,**
- 2. Forward the staff report dated May 27, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council for information and presentation.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

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13.1.2 Integrated Tourism Master Plan 2030 Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 5, 2025
- Discover Halifax presentation dated June 26, 2025

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

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse the Halifax Regional Integrated Tourism Master Plan 2030 (ITMP 2030) (Attachment 1 of the staff report dated June 5, 2025) including consideration for the Municipality's related initiatives as set forth in the ITMP 2030 and as also detailed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2025; and**
- 2. Direct the CAO to work with Discover Halifax to provide annual updates to Regional Council regarding the ITMP 2030.**

Jefferson and White responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

As set out in section 34 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was required to extend the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee extend the time of the meeting past 12:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Jefferson and White responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

The vote was called on the main motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.3 Park Steward Program

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 10, 2025
- Staff presentation dated June 26, 2025

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

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17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 21, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant