



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 18, 2025**

PRESENT: Mayor Andy Fillmore, Chair
Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Nancy Hartling
Councillor John Young

REGRETS: Councillor Patty Cuttell

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Laura Lewis, Deputy Clerk
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by the Executive Standing Committee at a future meeting.

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 – June 16 & August 7, 2025

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the minutes of June 16 & August 7, 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

Laura Lewis, Deputy Clerk noted item 15.4 LEGAL ADVICE was an information report and was incorrectly listed as a recommendation report.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

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 Review of By-law C-1100 Respecting Campaign Financing

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 10, 2025

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law C-1103, amending By-law C-1100, the Campaign Financing By-law, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated July 10, 2025; and**
- 2. Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting legislative changes to the Municipal Elections Act to regulate, or to allow municipalities the ability to regulate, third-party advertising in municipal election campaigns.**

Iain MacLean, Executive Director of City Hall Administration & Municipal Clerk spoke to the report.

MacLean, Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager and John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – June 16, 2025

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hartling

That the In Camera (In Private) minutes of June 16, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2 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 report dated August 13, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated August 13, 2025; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated August 13, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.3 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 report dated August 5, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated August 5, 2025; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated August 5, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor White

THAT Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.4 LEGAL ADVICE and Item 15.5 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.4 LEGAL ADVICE – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential report dated April 21, 2025

As outlined during the Approval of Order of Business, this was an information report and was incorrectly listed as a recommendation report.

15.5 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor White

THAT Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.5 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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 report dated August 15, 2025

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated August 15, 2025; and**

2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated August 15, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 15, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Laura Lewis
Deputy Clerk