



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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Virginia Hinch  
Councillor Kathryn Morse

**STAFF:** John MacPherson, Executive Director of Property, Fleet & Environment  
William Hatfield, Solicitor  
Simon Ross-Siegel, 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](http://halifax.ca).*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 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.

### **1.1 Annual Election of Chair**

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT Councillor Steele be nominated Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

Councillor Steele was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT Councillor Steele be appointed Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Steele was declared the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Steele assumed the Chair.

### **1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair**

Councillor Steele called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gamon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT Councillor St-Amand be nominated Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

Councillor St-Amand was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttall

**THAT Councillor St-Amand be appointed Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor St-Amand was declared the Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 16, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttall

**THAT the minutes of October 16, 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 Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

**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**

**10.3.1 Halifax Stanfield International Airport Annual Update**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated September 23, 2025
- Presentation dated November 20, 2025
- Handout dated November 20, 2025

Joyce Carter, President & CEO, HIAA and Dean Bouchard, Vice President, Airport Planning & Development, HIAA gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council receive the Halifax Stanfield International Airport Annual Update as a presentation at a future meeting.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.3.2 Our HRM Alliance and Ecology Action Center Priorities Update**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated October 21, 2025
- Presentation dated November 20, 2025

- Handout dated November 20, 2025

Jillian Ramsay, Sustainable Cities Coordinator, Ecology Action Center 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**

### **12.1 Rural Recreation Strategy – Year One Implementation Progress Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 16, 2025
- Staff presentation dated November 20, 2025

Mickie McDow, Community Recreation Coordinator, Sackville and Musquodoboit Valley and Angela Green, Director Recreation Programming gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

## **13. REPORTS**

### **13.1 STAFF**

#### **13.1.1 Update – ANS Road to Economic Prosperity Action Plan**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 4, 2025
- Presentation dated November 20, 2025

Irvine Carvery, Co-Chair, African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity, Dolly Williams, Co-Chair, African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity, and Carolann Wright, Director, Capacity Building & Strategic Initiatives, African Nova Scotian Communities gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated November 4, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item only.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report evaluating the proposed 2026–2031 African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity Plan request to inform 2026–27 budget planning.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **13.1.2 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated November 20, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2026 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.**

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant 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 – December 3, 2025**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant