HALIFAX

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 22, 2026

PRESENT:	Councillor Janet Steele, Chair Councillor Jean St-Amand, Vice Chair Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon Councillor Becky Kent Councillor Trish Purdy
OTHERS PRESENT:	Councillor Tony Mancini Councillor Laura White Councillor Kathryn Morse Councillor John Young Councillor Billy Gillis
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 10:06 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 – December 3, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of December 3, 2026 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 Purdy

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 – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Lancaster, St. Margaret's Bay spoke about the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association's efforts to obtain provincial designation for the Ingram River Wilderness Area. Lancaster spoke to the history of engagement with stakeholders and key ecological features in the area. Lancaster confirmed that the area was provincially owned crown land.

Monna Bordage, East Lawrencetown spoke about the importance of continuing to prioritize building and maintaining active transportation and transit connections between the rural areas and the urban center. Bordage expressed that these priorities were aligned with those in the Halifax Green Network Plan.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS
13.1 STAFF
13.1.1 Halifax Green Network Progress Report, up to December 2024

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated December 30, 2025
- Correspondence from Wendy MacDonald

David Hodd, Project Manager, Halifax Green Network Plan gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated December 30, 2025 report to Regional Council as an information item only.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee waive the rules of order section 83 (1) and (3) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, to permit Committee of the Whole speaking rules.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Hodd, Leah Perrin, Manager of Regional Planning and Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy & Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 17, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant