



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 23, 2026**

PRESENT:

Mayor Andy Fillmore, Chair
Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Janet Steele
Councillor Nancy Hartling
Councillor John Young

STAFF:

Brad Anguish, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Laura Lewis, Deputy Clerk
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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 10:02 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. The Chair led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2025

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the minutes of December 8, 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 Steele, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttell

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 Request for Letter Re: Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated February 19, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the definition of “spouse” in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act be amended to align with the gender inclusive definition of “spouse” used in other Provincial legislation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 8, 2025

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 8, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER and Item 15.3 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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 staff report dated February 6, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 6, 2026; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 6, 2026 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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 staff report dated February 18, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 18, 2026; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 18, 2026 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 30, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Laura Lewis
Deputy Clerk