HALIFAX

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 16, 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 Mancini Councillor Morse
STAFF:	Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation Sasha Perry, 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 10:00 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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 17, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the minutes of February 17, 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 St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

THAT the following items be deferred to the May 21, 2026 meeting of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- **Item 13.1.2 Seniors Recreation Services Plan 2026-2030**
- **Item 13.1.3 Transom Drive Park Plan**

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 Planning and Economics for proposed development at Sandy Lake

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated January 6, 2026
- Presentation dated April 16, 2026

Karen McKendry, Senior Wilderness Outreach Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Proposal for delivery of an indoor community recreation facility in Fairview

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated March 25, 2026
- Presentation dated April 16, 2026

Pastor Dwayne McCarty, One Church and Mark Wacyk, Project Manager gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Councillor Steele stepped down from the Chair and Councillor St-Amand assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report and return to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee responding to the request of One Church to build an indoor recreation facility in Fairview for community use.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Steele resumed the Chair.

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 Analysis of Costs and Benefits of Halifax Mooseheads Expansion Proposal at the RBC Dartmouth 4-pad

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 23, 2026
- Staff presentation dated April 16, 2026

Brendon Smithson, Director Regional Recreation Services and Andy Conrad, Manager of Community Partnerships gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

As provided for in section 103 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was made to convene In Camera to discuss a contractual matter.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttell

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss a CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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 St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Kent

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

1. **Recommend that Regional Council direct the CAO to negotiate and execute a market rate lease agreement with the Halifax Mooseheads for the existing exclusive use space and the expanded building envelope at RBC Centre in Dartmouth, with terms and conditions satisfactory to the CAO, including detailed leasehold improvement and construction conditions for the proposed expansion, subject to the approval of one-time consulting costs by Audit & Finance Standing Committee; and**

2. **Refer to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee to consider an unbudgeted reserves withdrawal for one-time consulting fees as outlined in the financial implications section of the staff report dated March 23, 2026.**

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the CAO to negotiate and execute a market rate lease agreement with the Halifax Mooseheads for the existing exclusive use space and the expanded building envelope at RBC Centre in Dartmouth, with terms and conditions satisfactory to the CAO, including detailed leasehold improvement, consultant, and construction conditions for the proposed expansion.

Deputy Mayor Cuttell proposed insertion of the wording to clarify the public benefit conditions into the motion and additionally to clarify reference to the consultant as the owner's representative. 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 Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the CAO to negotiate and execute a market rate lease agreement with the Halifax Mooseheads for the existing exclusive use space and the expanded building envelope at RBC Centre in Dartmouth, with terms and conditions satisfactory to the CAO, including: detailed leasehold improvement, owners representative consultant, construction, and public benefit conditions for the proposed expansion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Seniors Recreation Services Plan 2026-2030

The following was before the Standing Committee:
- Staff report dated April 10, 2026
- Staff presentation dated April 16, 2026

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

13.1.3 Transom Drive Park Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:
- Staff report dated April 7, 2026
- Staff presentation dated April 16, 2026

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

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION
17.1 Councillor St-Amand

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, I intend to move a motion to rescind the additional motion for item 12.1.1 from the January 16, 2020 CPED meeting which requested a staff report as follows:

"THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

1. Request a staff report regarding options and opportunities for a long-term program for complete streets and streetscaping for the suburban commercial main streets in the urban service area outside the Regional Centre which updates the rationale and priorities for projects, and establishes stable long-term funding; and

2. That staff review the letters received and consult with from the suburban Business Improvement Districts in development of the program."

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 21, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant