HALIFAX

EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 22, 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
OTHERS PRESENT:	Councillor Becky Kent
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

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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 – May 25, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the minutes of May 25, 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

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Laura Lewis, Deputy Clerk requested that Item 13.2.1 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report and Item 13.2.2 – Accessibility Advisory Committee 2026-27 Work Plan be considered prior to Item 13.1.1.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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 – May 25, 2026
8.1 Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Report from the Youth Advisory Committee dated February 5, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the Executive Standing Committee accept the report dated February 5, 2026.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Colin May, Dartmouth raised concern with the lack of public consultation on the proposed cricket field, referring to section 66 of the *Halifax Municipal Charter,* and questioned the suitability of the Dartmouth Common as a location.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee and clarified the proposed changes for the Dartmouth Common would be considered conversion of an existing structure and did not require public consultation.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS
13.1 STAFF
13.1.1 Amendments to AO1 re African NS Affirmation

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 17, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order One, *the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order,* as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 17, 2026.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 2028 Election Method Resource Study

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 17, 2026
- Staff presentation dated June 22, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Direct that voting by a telephone and by a personal computing device are the only methods of voting to be used in the 2028 Halifax Regional Municipal and CSAP Election, including any required special election between 2028-2032, as outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 17, 2026 and in Attachment 1;**

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to review By-law A-400, the Alternative Voting By-law, and the Municipal Elections Act to identify any amendments that may be necessary to enable voting by telephone and by a personal computing device only based on the proposed approach contained in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated June 17, 2026, and return to Council with a report if any amendments are identified; and**

3. **Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia to request legislative changes allowing the Returning Officer to establish mobile polling locations for qualifying facilities licensed under the Homes for Special Care Act during the advance voting period as outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 17, 2026.**

Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager and Iain MacLean, Executive Director of City Hall Administration & Municipal Clerk gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
13.2.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 4, 2026
- Presentation dated June 22, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the Executive Standing Committee accept the report dated May 4, 2026 and receive a presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Rachele Manett, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13.2.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee 2026-27 Work Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 25, 2026

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the Accessibility Advisory Committee 2026-27 Work Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)
15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – May 25, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of May 25, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Items 15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER and 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 June 15, 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 June 15, 2026; and**

2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 15, 2026 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 24, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Laura Lewis
Deputy Clerk