HALIFAX

EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
October 26, 2026

PRESENT:	Mayor Andy Fillmore, Chair Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon Councillor Laura White Councillor Janet Steele Councillor Nancy Hartling Councillor John Young
REGRETS:	Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell, Vice Chair
STAFF:	Marnie Cluckie, Chief Administrative Officer John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer Laura Lewis, Deputy Clerk Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Executive Standing Committee at a future meeting.

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.

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 African Nova Scotian Affirmation

The Chair led the Standing Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 28, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Young

THAT the minutes of September 28, 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 Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

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

Mayor Fillmore 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 – September 28, 2026
12.1 Councillor Deagle Gammon – Municipal Comfort Centre Policy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated September 28, 2026
- Staff presentation dated October 26, 2026

Rachel Boehm, Executive Director Community Safety and Emad Aziz, Director Emergency Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13. REPORTS
13.1 STAFF
13.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order One – Consent Agenda

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated September 21, 2026

MOVED by Councillor White, 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 outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated September 21, 2026.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded Councillor Hartling

THAT the Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.3 PERSONNEL MATTER and 15.4 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – September 28, 2026

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded Councillor Steele

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of September 28, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and Confidential staff report dated October 8, 2026

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded Councillor Hartling

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated October 8, 2026; and**

2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated October 8, 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 October 21, 2026

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated October 21, 2026; and**

2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated October 21, 2026 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.4 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before the Standing Committee:
- Private and confidential staff report dated October 23, 2026
- Private and confidential staff presentation dated October 26, 2026

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 7, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Laura Lewis
Deputy Clerk