



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 28, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike Savage, Chair  
Councillor Linda Mosher, Vice Chair  
Councillor Brad Johns  
Councillor Russell Walker  
Councillor Bill Karsten  
Councillor Steve Craig  
Councillor Matt Whitman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Jennifer Watts

**REGRETS:** Councillor Reg Rankin

**STAFF:** Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. John Traves, Director of Legal Services  
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:07 p.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera session at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened and adjourned 12:56 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2014**

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker that the minutes of March 24, 2014 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Addition:

11.3 Personnel Matter - Nomination to the FCM Board of Directors

As requested by Councillor Walker, the Standing Committee agreed to address Item 9.2.1 - Proposed Amendment to By-law N-200, Respecting Noise to Include Heat Pumps as the first order of business.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Craig that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**8.1 Correspondence – None**

**8.2 Petitions – None**

**8.3 Presentation – None**

Item 9.2.1 was addressed at this time.

**9.2.1 Proposed Amendment to By-law N-200, Respecting Noise to Include Heat Pumps**

The following was before the Executive Standing Committee:

- A staff briefing note dated April 8, 2014

In response to a procedural question raised by Councillor Walker, Mr. John Traves, Director of Legal Services advised that this matter could move forward to Regional Council, but staff's

recommendation is that there are sufficient powers to address concerns under the current noise by-law.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Executive Standing Committee request a further more robust staff report and recommend Regional Council amend By-law N-200, Respecting Noise to specifically include noise from heat pumps.**

Councillor Whitman entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Over the past three years, Councillor Walker stated he has been working on this matter and that there was presently no way to address noise complaints from heat pumps under the By-Law N-200 and noted that the motion would give this ability. He suggested that noise from heat pumps could be addressed through the use of buffers such as trees.

Councillor Karsten commented that this is a land use matter and was concerned if heat pumps are addressed under By-Law N-200 that noise complaints could come forward for swimming pool pumps and air conditioners in the same manner.

Councillor Craig agreed with Councillor Karsten's points, commenting that noise is subjective and questioned what this would mean for the hotel industry, for example, if a complaint was made. He wanted to know what the framework for the report would be and what specifically staff would be reviewing to make a recommendation to include heat pumps in By-Law N-200. He suggested that such matters could be addressed by contacting 311 and having a compliance officer review.

Councillor Whitman referenced the ten complaints received since 2012 regarding noise from heat pumps, noting that he was unsure how to vote at this time but supported Councillor Craig's comments.

Councillor Walker clarified that the matter of noise specific to heat pumps had been considered at Halifax & West Community Council and a report had been requested.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Walker, Mr. Traves clarified that his understanding from the April 8, 2014 staff briefing note was that By-Law N-200 addresses the noise resulting from heat pumps adequately. However, if Regional Council wanted to go further, than there would be cost and enforcement implications to identify what the additional ability would be to achieve any measureable difference in the outcome.

Mayor Savage pointed out that the April 8, 2014 staff briefing note indicates that the wording around heart pumps could be included under Schedule 8(2) of By-Law N-200. He sought confirmation that heat pumps are covered under By-Law N-200 presently even though they are not specifically identified; Mr. Traves advised this was correct.

Councillor Mosher entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Councillor Craig requested further clarification around the details of the staff report in regard to additional enforcement, which was provided.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 Governance Review Update – Summary Report and Recommendations (Internal Committees)**

The following was before the Executive Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 23, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Executive Standing Committee recommends to Halifax Regional Council that:**

- 1. Regional Council direct Committee of the Whole to consider such matters as Regional Council refers to it using the procedures in Administrative Order #1.**
- 2. Regional Council adopt and formalize a Committee of the Whole on Budgets with Terms of Reference that include a quorum of seven (7) members and the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee as Chair, and direct staff to make the necessary changes to Administrative Order #1.**
- 3. Regional Council reduce the size of Standing Committees by having one member appointed by each of the three Community Councils and up to four (4) members-at-large appointed by Regional Council and direct staff to prepare a report with recommendations necessary to effect the reduction.**
- 4. Regional Council make appointments to Standing Committees for two (2) years and that each Standing Committees elect its chair annually.**
- 5. Regional Council direct staff to prepare amendments to Administrative Order #1 covering the general aspects of the work of Standing Committees. The Terms of Reference of each Standing Committee would be incorporated into a Schedule to AO#1.**
- 6. Regional Council change the composition of the Executive Standing Committee so that it would include the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the chairs of the other five Standing Committees and direct staff to make the appropriate changes to AO #1.**
- 7. Regional Council adopt a modified procedure to govern the participation of non-member councillors at Standing Committees including –**

- (a) all Council members may attend all Standing Committee meetings, including in camera committee meetings, question staff and the public, and speak on a matter before the committee
- (b) only committee members may make motions and vote on a matter before the Committee, and that Administrative Order #1 be changed to implement this approach.

**8. Regional Council reaffirm that all communications from Community Councils, Standing Committees and other committees created by Regional Council to other orders of government will come from the Mayor, as authorized by Regional Council.**

Councillor Mosher indicated that she did not support recommendation #6; noting the importance of all members of Council having the opportunity to sit on standing committees, including the Executive Standing Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the motion be amended to delete recommendation #6.**

Mr. John Traves, Director of Legal Services suggested that the Standing Committee deal with recommendations 1-5, 7 and 8 and address recommendation #6 at the end.

The Standing Committee discussed the amendment to delete recommendation #6.

In response to a suggestion made by Councillor Johns on limiting the number of committees a Councillor could be chair of, Mr. Traves referenced page 7 of the April 23, 2014 staff report: *Should one councillor chair more than one Standing Committee, Regional Council would appoint a member of Council to the Executive Standing Committee, having regard to representation from each Standing Committee on the Executive Standing Committee.*

With permission from the Chair, Councillor Mason suggested that regardless if the amendment passes, that consideration be given to having a two year term limit for chairing a committee and that councillors can only be a chair of one committee at a time.

In response to further questions raised, Mr. Traves clarified that as the amendment sits, if recommendation #6 is deleted without amendment, than the Executive Standing Committee would be filled in accordance with recommendation #3: a member appointed from each of the three Community Councils and up to four members-at-large appointed by Regional Council. If the Standing Committee desired, they could amend recommendation #6 to change their composition to include: the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and five representatives of Standing Committees, as selected by the Standing Committees. He went on to suggest that the Standing Committee deal with the amendment and if recommendation #6 was removed, than it would be appropriate to make a new motion dealing with their composition.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Executive Standing Committee recommends to Halifax Regional Council that:**

- 1. Regional Council direct Committee of the Whole to consider such matters as Regional Council refers to it using the procedures in Administrative Order #1.**
- 2. Regional Council adopt and formalize a Committee of the Whole on Budgets with Terms of Reference that include a quorum of seven (7) members and the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee as Chair, and direct staff to make the necessary changes to Administrative Order #1.**
- 3. Regional Council reduce the size of Standing Committees by having one member appointed by each of the three Community Councils and up to four (4) members-at-large appointed by Regional Council and direct staff to prepare a report with recommendations necessary to effect the reduction.**
- 4. Regional Council make appointments to Standing Committees for two (2) years and that each Standing Committees elect its chair annually.**
- 5. Regional Council direct staff to prepare amendments to Administrative Order #1 covering the general aspects of the work of Standing Committees. The Terms of Reference of each Standing Committee would be incorporated into a Schedule to AO#1.**
- 6. Regional Council adopt a modified procedure to govern the participation of non-member councillors at Standing Committees including –**
  - (a) all Council members may attend all Standing Committee meetings, including in camera committee meetings, question staff and the public, and speak on a matter before the committee**
  - (b) only committee members may make motions and vote on a matter before the Committee, and that Administrative Order #1 be changed to implement this approach.**
- 7. Regional Council reaffirm that all communications from Community Councils, Standing Committees and other committees created by Regional Council to other orders of government will come from the Mayor, as authorized by Regional Council.**

On recommendation #3, Councillor Walker expressed concern with the words “up to”; commenting that a standing committee could end up with only three Councillors and that four members-at-large would represent a Councillor from each of the other standing committees.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mosher that recommendation #3 be amended to remove the words “up to”.**

Further discussion was held on recommendation #3 and through consultation with Mr. Traves around the wording; the amendment was further revised to read:

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mosher to amend recommendation #3 to read: Regional Council reduce the size of Standing Committees by having one member appointed by each of the three Community Councils and three (3) members of Council appointed by Regional Council and direct staff to prepare a report with recommendations necessary to effect the reduction.**

Mr. Traves responded to questions of clarification around the number of members serving on the Executive Standing Committee and allowing flexibility with the wording “up to”. Mr. Traves indicated that from the consensus received from councillor feedback, the working committee saw the desire to have Community Council representation, which led to staff recommending up to four members-at-large. He noted that Council has traditionally appointed the maximum slate of members.

With permission from the Chair, Councillor Watts spoke in support of keeping the wording “up to” and suggested having a minimum requirement of six members; allowing some flexibility with a new Council and members to experience more of the standing committees.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion before Council now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Executive Standing Committee recommends to Halifax Regional Council that:**

- 1. Regional Council direct Committee of the Whole to consider such matters as Regional Council refers to it using the procedures in Administrative Order #1.**
- 2. Regional Council adopt and formalize a Committee of the Whole on Budgets with Terms of Reference that include a quorum of seven (7) members and the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee as Chair, and direct staff to make the necessary changes to Administrative Order #1.**
- 3. Regional Council reduce the size of Standing Committees by having one member appointed by each of the three Community Councils and three (3) members of Council appointed by Regional Council and direct staff to prepare a report with recommendations necessary to effect the reduction.**
- 4. Regional Council make appointments to Standing Committees for two (2) years and that each Standing Committees elect its chair annually.**
- 5. Regional Council direct staff to prepare amendments to Administrative Order #1 covering the general aspects of the work of Standing Committees. The Terms of Reference of each Standing Committee would be incorporated into a Schedule to AO#1.**

6. **Regional Council adopt a modified procedure to govern the participation of non-member councillors at Standing Committees including –**
  - (a) **all Council members may attend all Standing Committee meetings, including in camera committee meetings, question staff and the public, and speak on a matter before the committee**
  - (b) **only committee members may make motions and vote on a matter before the Committee, and that Administrative Order #1 be changed to implement this approach.**
  
7. **Regional Council reaffirm that all communications from Community Councils, Standing Committees and other committees created by Regional Council to other orders of government will come from the Mayor, as authorized by Regional Council.**

Councillor Karsten noted that he did not agree with making an exception to quorum for budget process.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Craig that recommendation #2 be amended so that the quorum be nine (9) members as per Administrative Order #1. MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Johns sought clarification around the number of years a member can serve as chair on a Standing Committee. During the discussion the following amendment was proposed.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman to amend recommendation #4 that Regional Council make appointments to Standing Committees for a two (2) year term and that each Standing Committee elects its chair to serve for a non-renewable term of two (2) years and that no councillor can chair more than one (1) Standing Committee.**

Councillor Watts echoed her earlier points regarding a maximum/minimum number of appointments, and allowing new members to serve on standing committees. In response, Councillor Johns requested clarification around the wording of the amendment; to which Mr. Traves suggested the following wording could be added: *and that Regional Council shall have regard to expression of interest from councillors who have not had an opportunity to serve on the Standing Committee.* Councillors Johns and Whitman agreed to the proposed wording.

The motion before Council now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman to amend recommendation #4 that Regional Council make appointments to Standing Committees for a two (2) year term and that each Standing Committee elects its chair to serve for a non-renewable term of two (2) years and that no councillor shall chair more than one (1) Standing Committee, and that Regional Council shall have regard to expression of interest from councillors who have not had an opportunity to serve on the Standing Committee.**

Following a discussion it was agreed to split the vote on the amendment.



**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman that recommendation #4 be amended to provide that Regional Council make appointments to Standing Committees for a two (2) year term and that each Standing Committee elects its chair to serve for a non-renewable term of two (2) years and that no councillor shall chair more than one (1) Standing Committee. MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman that recommendation #4 be amended to provide that Regional Council shall have regard to expression of interest from councillors who have not had an opportunity to serve on the Standing Committee.**

Mayor Savage stated he was not in favor of the amendment and saw the benefit of councillors serving on committees for an extended time.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion before Council now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Executive Standing Committee recommends to Halifax Regional Council that:**

- 1. Regional Council direct Committee of the Whole to consider such matters as Regional Council refers to it using the procedures in Administrative Order #1.**
- 2. Regional Council adopt and formalize a Committee of the Whole on Budgets with Terms of Reference that include a quorum of seven (9) members as per Administrative Order #1 and the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee as Chair, and direct staff to make the necessary changes to Administrative Order #1.**
- 3. Regional Council reduce the size of Standing Committees by having one member appointed by each of the three Community Councils and three (3) members of Council appointed by Regional Council and direct staff to prepare a report with recommendations necessary to effect the reduction.**
- 4. Regional Council make appointments to Standing Committees for a two (2) year term and that each Standing Committee elects its chair to serve for a non-renewable term of two (2) years and that no councillor shall chair more than one (1) Standing Committee; and that Regional Council shall have regard to expression of interest from councillors who have not had an opportunity to serve on the Standing Committee.**
- 5. Regional Council direct staff to prepare amendments to Administrative Order #1 covering the general aspects of the work of Standing Committees. The Terms of**

**Reference of each Standing Committee would be incorporated into a Schedule to AO#1.**

- 6. Regional Council adopt a modified procedure to govern the participation of non-member councillors at Standing Committees including –**
  - (a) all Council members may attend all Standing Committee meetings, including in camera committee meetings, question staff and the public, and speak on a matter before the committee**
  - (b) only committee members may make motions and vote on a matter before the Committee, and that Administrative Order #1 be changed to implement this approach.**
  
- 7. Regional Council reaffirm that all communications from Community Councils, Standing Committees and other committees created by Regional Council to other orders of government will come from the Mayor, as authorized by Regional Council.**

Councillor Craig requested clarification around the Appeals Standing Committee in relation to the change in the number of members serving on standing committees. Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk advised that a staff report would be forthcoming to Regional Council that would address the change to the By-law and speak to the Appeals Standing Committee.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Craig around the language of recommendation #7, Ms. Mellett indicated that Councillor Rankin had asked that this be dealt with by way of motion under the Governance Review.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Johns, Mr. Traves clarified that the action at the Community Council should be a recommendation to Regional Council that a letter be sent from the Mayor's Office and would not be a decision of the Community Council to write to another level of government. Councillor Johns provided an example where the Community Council may have a different view than Regional Council and questioned whether there should be some leeway for the Community Council. Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer advised that it is fundamental for the Municipal government that Regional Council speaks for the Municipality.

Discussion ensued with Councillors John and Mosher speaking to past practices around Community Councils communicating with other levels of government. Mr. Traves advised that the powers and duties of Community Council are laid out in the HRM Charter. With some limiting exceptions such as variance appeals, the Charter outlines that the Community Council's role is to make recommendations to Regional Council; including recommendations on communications to other levels of government. The intent of recommendation #8 is to mirror this statutory power.

In response to a suggestion made by Councillor Mosher, Mr. Butts confirmed that Councillors have the ability to write individual letters to other levels of government.

Mr. Traves reiterated that the intent of recommendation #8 is to address how communication is dealt with at Community Councils, providing clarity of who speaks on behalf of the Municipality, and does not change how Community Councils are run.

Councillor Watts exited the meeting at 11:33 p.m.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

At the request of the Mayor, Mr. Traves advised that, as it currently stands, the Executive Standing Committee's composition would be as provided for under the approved recommendation #3: that one member appointed from each of the three Community Councils and three members of Council appointed by Regional Council.

As per past practice, Councillor Johns pointed out that the Chair of the Executive Standing Committee has been the Mayor. Mr. Traves advised that if it is the Standing Committee's desire to have the Mayor as Chair, an amendment would be required.

Councillor Johns commented that one of the duties of the Executive Standing Committee is to review the position of the Chief Administrative Officer and in consultation with Mr. Traves and Ms. Mellett around the language, the following motion was put forward:

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Karsten that notwithstanding recommendation #4, the Mayor be the Chair of the Executive Standing Committee.**  
**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council change the composition of the Executive Standing Committee to include the Mayor as Chair, Deputy Mayor as Vice Chair and representatives of each of the five (5) Standing Committees, and direct staff to make the appropriate changes to Administrative Order One.**

Mr. Traves ruled the motion in order as he did not see it as a rescission of the approved motion.

Councillor Craig advised that the motion includes the Deputy Mayor in the Executive Standing Committee's composition, which the approved motion did not. He suggested that it would be good for the Standing Committee to look at the subject matter of standing committees and provide guidance.

Upon further discussion and clarification from staff, Councillor Craig asked to withdraw the motion, advising he would bring it forward to Regional Council for consideration; to which the seconder and Standing Committee agreed, and the **motion was withdrawn.**

The Standing Committee recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

### 9.1.2 Cogswell Lands Plan

The following was before the Executive Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 25, 2014 with attached: Cogswell Lands Plan – Cogswell Transformed, Cogswell Transformed Synthesis Report and Strategic Urban Partnership – Cogswell Shakeup Report
- A private and confidential staff information report dated March 25, 2014

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Real Property Planning Manager, Real Estate and Land Management, Planning and Infrastructure, delivered a presentation on the Cogswell Lands Plan which included an overview of the next steps, detailed design, and public engagement sessions (if approved).

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Executive Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve The Cogswell Lands Plan as the guiding document for the next stage of work for the removal and re-design of the Cogswell Interchange.**
- 2. Approve the functional road network as proposed in the Cogswell Lands Plan.**
- 3. Direct staff to initiate the following work and return to Council as required:**
  - a) Communicate the Cogswell Lands Plan, as approved, to the public, adjacent landowners and future developers through the municipal website, individual meetings and a public open house held in conjunction with the Strategic Urban Partnership.**
  - b) Proceed with the Detailed Design for the demolition and redevelopment of the Cogswell Interchange including issuing Requests For Proposals to retain necessary expertise.**
  - c) Enter into negotiations for land acquisitions required to advance the Cogswell redevelopment.**
  - d) Prepare a financial plan for the demolition and redevelopment of the Cogswell Interchange.**
  - e) Commence preparations for Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use By-law amendments and necessary street closures as per the HRM Charter.**

Councillor Johns supported the motion and the Cogswell Lands Plan. In response to questions raised, staff noted that the costs associated to HRM are outlined in the March 25, 2014 private and confidential staff information report. Under the current authority opportunities related to affordable housing are at the developer's discretion. Councillor Johns noted he did not want a missed opportunity to utilize and address affordable housing as part of the revitalization of the downtown.

From the photo renderings, Councillor Whitman inquired regarding plans for the wastewater treatment facility's roof. Mr. Bigelow advised that the plant has the capability for an additional two storeys. Staff has proposed to Halifax Water that the roof be used for public space in association with the neighbourhood park. Staff have also discussed the Water Commission's need to extend the facility to deal with Federal regulations coming into force for higher levels of treatment, as well as, a district energy component; both are accommodated in the Plan. In response to a question relative to truck traffic, Mr. Bigelow clarified that staff's review was to

accommodate the existing traffic requirements; through the proposed roundabout at Upper Water Street, of which trucks were part of the traffic modeling.

Councillor Mosher was supportive of the planned extension of the historic view planes and implementation of public space. She expressed concern with 65 to 70% of the development being one bedroom apartments, removing the option for families and asked that this be considered.

Councillor Mosher further asked if there was an opportunity based on a more detailed estimate to have a signature facility. Mr. Bigelow advised that those opportunities may exist for Cogswell or other areas of the downtown but Regional Council would have to provide staff with direction to do a site exercise to determine whether Cogswell is the best location. He advised that this was not included in the report as there was no direction, which was to meet the requirements of the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS). Councillor Mosher suggested taking a percentage of net gain to put into a legacy piece.

The discussion ensued with Councillors Karsten and Craig speaking in support of the motion. Mr. Bigelow responded to questions around the \$750,000 budget reserve to complete the 19 month detailed design phase and engagement/information sharing with the public during this phase.

With approval from the Chair, Councillor Mason spoke in support of the Plan and how it would reconnect the downtown to the north end. He sought clarification and comment around the following:

- how the public participation policy would be addressed as part of the next steps, if approved
- how close the Blocks C and D buildings were to the rampart height
- whether a decision needed to be made at this time around a commitment to district energy
- ensuing implementation of accessibility across the grid and sidewalks (i.e. stairs in the park leading to Barrington Street)
- consideration around three bedroom apartments for families with children, such as what was done in downtown Vancouver, and where this conversion would take place in the design phase

Mr. Bigelow responded as follows:

In terms of the MPS and Land Use By-Law (LUB), staff was not seeking initiation of a public process. He indicated that there would be a period of time during construction to work on the MPS and LUB amendments.

Mr. Bigelow indicated that staff took a moderate height approach for Blocks C and D buildings and noted that in some areas heights are ten stories below what is allowed under the rampart. With exception of the rampart restriction, there are no view plane restrictions in the Plan.

Staff has discussed the viability of district energy with Halifax Water. Mr. Bigelow indicated that it is something that would need to be advanced during the detailed design phase. In staff's

opinion, district energy is viable as there is cooling from the harbour and waste heat from the sewage treatment plan.

In terms of accessibility, Mr. Bigelow spoke to the designs being in the conceptual stage only..

In regard to affordability he noted that there is a percentage requirement under the MPS for a certain number of multi-family units. The staff report reflects market assessment, and in this proximity to downtown units would be smaller for singles and two person households. He commented that this does not mean that further up the hill closer to schools that multi-family units should not have a component of larger units. He noted that these aspects would be addressed during the detailed design phase.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.2 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**9.2.1 Proposed Amendment to By-law N-200, Respecting Noise to Include Heat Pumps**

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 2.

**10. MOTIONS – NONE**

**11. IN CAMERA**

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Executive Standing Committee convene into In Camera to address Items 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Standing Committee convened into In Camera at 12:49 p.m.

**11.1 In Camera Minutes – March 24, 2014**

This matter was addressed during the In Camera session.

**11.2 Personnel Matter – Citizen Appointment to the Halifax Regional Library Board**

The following was before the Executive Standing Committee:

- A private and confidential staff recommendation report dated April 2, 2014

This matter was addressed during the In Camera session.

**11.3 Personnel Matter - Nomination to the FCM Board of Directors**

The following was before the Executive Standing Committee:

- A private and confidential staff briefing note dated April 28, 2014

This matter was addressed during the In Camera session.

- 12. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**
- 13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**
- 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2014**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Cathy Mellett  
Municipal Clerk