

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 11, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Nicoll, Chair
Councillor Fisher
Councillor Outhit
Councillor Lund
Councillor Blumenthal

REGRETS: Councillor Wile
Councillor Uteck
Councillor Streach

STAFF: Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Relations and
Cultural Affairs
Andy Fillmore, Project Manager, Urban Design
Roger Wells, Supervisor, Community and Regional Planning
Kelly Denty, Supervisor, Planning Applications
Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 12, 2011; June 9, 2011

Councillor Fisher noted that on page 5 of the June 9, 2011 minutes, the final sentence in paragraph four should read: *Councillor Fisher advised that he understood Councillor Uteck's concern about the amount of initiatives SEMO was undertaking, and staff resources they will require.*

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the minutes of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meetings held on May 12, 2011 and June 9, 2011 be approved, as amended
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 7.1 Request for Update re Business Improvement Districts – Audit and Finance Standing Committee

The agenda, as amended, was accepted.

4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES – None

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 Correspondence - None

5.2 Petitions - None

5.3 Presentations:

5.3.1 Cultural Plan Overview – Presentation

A presentation entitled Cultural Plan an Overview and Status was distributed.

Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Relations and Cultural Affairs, noted he was accompanied today by Ms. Heather MacLeod, Community Developer and Ms. Christine Lavoie, Team Lead, Mr. Whittemore delivered the presentation providing an overview and update on the Cultural Plan. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Mr. Whittemore noted that he wanted to come back to the committee with a report regarding a progress measurement program.

Councillor Outhit noted that he would like to have local musicians and choirs playing in local parks as they do in Grand Parade and the Public Gardens. Concern was noted that insurance and liability issues may impact the ability/affordability for local musicians to participate in such events.

Councillor Lund asked if a review of the Cultural Plan was planned, to which staff responded that it would be prudent to undertake such a review.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct staff to develop Terms of Reference for a Cultural Liaison Committee including responsibility to review the Cultural Plan.

Note was made that there is a need for outreach programs for rural areas. For example, the Peggy's Cove area has a strong arts community while all areas of the municipality have active and vibrant cultural events. Mr. Whittemore advised that staff recognizes there are gaps around rural areas and are reviewing the plan with a view to how best serve those areas.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Regional Plan Review Scope and Work Plan

A staff report dated July 27, 2011 was before the Committee. Andy Fillmore, Project Manager, Urban Design; Roger Wells, Supervisor, Regional and Community Planning were present to address the report.

Mr. Fillmore gave a presentation outlining the July 27, 2011 report. A copy of the presentation is on file. Mr. Fillmore and Mr. Wells responded to questions from members of the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit the Community Planning and Economic Development Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. Initiation of the process for the five year review of the *Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS)* in accordance with RMPS Policy IM-9**
- 2. The scope and schedule for the *Regional Plan 5 Year Review* as outlined in the July 27, 2011 staff report.**
- 3. The scope and schedule for the *HRMbyDesign Centre Plan* project as outlined in the July 27, 2011 staff report.**

4. **The establishment of a single advisory committee, the Community Design Advisory Committee, to advise Council on the Regional Plan 5 Year Review and the HRMbyDesign Centre project encompassing the mandates for both the Regional Plan Advisory Committee and the Urban Design Task Force; and the disbanding of the existing Regional Plan Advisory Committee and the Urban Design Task Force.**
5. **That Councillor Sue Uteck be appointed to the new Community Design Advisory Committee as the Councillor whose district lies within the Regional Centre**

The Committee briefly discussed the proposed work plan and reviewed Attachment 1 of the July 27, 2011 report 'At –A-Glance: Planning Services' Major Projects Work Plan'. Members noted key areas of concern including development controls in rural, coastal and head water areas, rural road standards, and transportation.

A brief discussion with regard to part 5 of the recommendation ensued, with staff advising that members of both the Regional Plan Advisory Committee and the Urban Design Task Force were aware of the proposal to move to one Committee. Note was made that Councillor Uteck had indicated she would be interested in serving on the new Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. **MATTERS REFERRED FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL /OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES - None**
8. **ADDED ITEMS**
- 8.1 **Update on Business Improvement Districts from Audit and Finance Standing Committee**

This matter was added to the agenda during the Approval of the Order of Business.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request the Audit and Finance Standing Committee provide an update with regard to discussions on the Business Improvement Districts as a means of ensuring a unified approach. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee will be held on September 15, 2011, in the Council Chamber, City Hall beginning at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk

INFORMATION REPORTS

1. **Information Report** dated June 20, 2011 – Property Rationalization Filter Process
2. **Information Report** dated July 19, 2011 RE: Save our Lakes Policy Project from Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee