



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 12, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Wayne Mason, Vice Chair  
Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**STAFF:** Ms. Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor  
Ms. Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, 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 2:03 p.m., and recessed at 2:33 p.m. the Standing Committee reconvened in at 2:40 p.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera session at 2:34 p.m. and adjourned 2:39 p.m. the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:41 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Mason, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None**

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

The Chair advised that Committee members have indicated to her they wish to address the Status Sheet.

The Legislative Assistant was asked to follow up on the status sheet items, as noted:

- Item 10 – Staff Supplementary Report – Affordable Housing
- Item 11 – Motion Councillor Mason – Guidelines and Standards Downtown
- Item 15 – Cultural Liaison Committee

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the agenda be accepted as presented. 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:**

- 7.1 Family Space in HRM Owned Facilities – Councillor Nicoll (e-mail response from Director of Human Resources)

The following was submitted to the Standing Committee:

- An e-mail from Cathi Mullally, Director, Human Resources, dated May 12, 2014 was submitted in regard to Guidelines for HRM staff on Breastfeeding on HRM Premises.

Councillor Mason advised that he spoke with Councillor Nicoll and she has advised that the submitted information from the Director of Human Resources is satisfactory.

Councillor Watts suggested that HRM's website include a statement on the Guidelines, and that the information be provided to the Library.

Councillor McCluskey questioned if the Municipality could apply the Guidelines to non-HRM owned buildings.

Ms. Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor, advised that she wasn't able to respond at this time but would follow-up on the matter and provide a legal opinion.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

### **8.1 Correspondence - None**

### **8.2 Petitions**

### **8.3 Presentation:**

#### **8.3.1 Greater Halifax Partnership – Year in Review**

Mr. Paul Kent, President and CEO of Greater Halifax Partnership addressed the Committee and provided a presentation on '2013-14 Year in Review and A look to the Year Ahead'. He introduced, Mr. Kevin McIntyre, Director, Marketing and Communications, and Ms. Ruth Cunningham, Vice President, Program Planning and Operations who were in attendance.

In his presentation he advised that this is the start of Year 4 of the implementation of the Strategy and that economic development was becoming easier to be carried out because of the engagement of Regional Council and the Mayor in economic development, which has resulted in a far more positive view than previously. In his remarks, Mr. Kent highlighted that population growth is still a concern, and the area continues to lose the younger people to the larger cities, but on the whole the population growth number is still positive. He noted that key accomplishments over the past year, include the approval of the new branding of Halifax; and activities and plans for the Regional Centre. With regard to the Core Programs the GHP provides, Mr. Kent advised that they continue to invest in people, and pointed out that the Connector Program is now widely known. As well, the Partnership continues to work hard in attracting new businesses in Halifax and work with existing businesses. In conclusion, Mr. Kent explained that so much of business has to do with confidence, attitude, and belief systems, and he believes their mandate is to encourage a more positive outlook in the business community and the community as a whole. Mr. Kent noted that, in this regard, they created the 'Halifax Pledge' which they have asked citizens to take.

Mr. Kent responded to questions

Councillor McCluskey noted that one of the projects listed under major projects focus is China-Dong Du International. She asked him to elaborate.

Mr. Kent explained that last year he was approached by the Chairman of Don Du International, Mr. Lee, who has a very large vision of Nova Scotia as a key destination for Chinese tourists. Also, Mr. Lee wanted to discuss other business engagement opportunities. He explained that the Company has been active in purchasing real estate, and that they continue to work through the GHP office because GHP was their first point of contact. Mr. Kent noted that a memorandum of understanding was signed recently, which is an expression of goodwill and agreement to continue to dialogue. Mr. Kent noted that since his initial meeting, Mr. Lee's plans are not as grand but they are still significant, and the GHP as well as their Provincial counter-parts are continuing a dialogue with the Company.

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 STAFF**

#### **9.1.1 Schedule 'A' Update - Services Agreement Greater Halifax Partnership**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 17, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Community Planning and Economic Development committee recommend to Regional Council the approval of an amending agreement to the Services Agreement with the Greater Halifax Partnership that replaces the 2013/2014 Schedule A with the 2014/2015 Schedule A included as Attachment C. Motion put and passed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

9.1.2 Schedule 'A' Update – Services Agreement Destination Halifax

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 17, 2014

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Mayor Savage that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the attached amending agreement and updates to Schedule A of the Services Agreement with Destination Halifax. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. MOTIONS: None**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the Committee convene in camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The meeting recessed at 2:33 p.m.

**11. IN CAMERA**

**11.1 Personnel Matter – Nomination – Destination Halifax**

The Committee dealt with this matter in camera.

**11.2 Personnel Matter – Nomination – Heritage Advisory Committee**

The Committee dealt with this matter in camera.

The Committee reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Personnel Matter – Nomination – Destination Halifax**

**MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend Regional Council approve the Councillor nominee for the Board of Destination Halifax as passed at the in camera session held on this date. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 Personnel Matter – Nomination – Heritage Advisory Committee**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend Regional Council approve the citizen nominee for the Heritage Advisory Committee as passed at the In camera session held on this date. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION: None**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 24, 2014**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following information item was submitted:

Information Report dated June 3, 2014 entitled, *Now or Never: An Urgent Call to Action for Nova Scotians* The Report of the Commission on Building Our New Economy