



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

October 9, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Councillor Waye Mason, Vice Chair
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher

REGRETS: Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 11, 2014

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Mason that the minutes of September 11, 2014 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Committee suspend the rules of order to deal with an added item. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Additions:

12.1 Centennial Pool – Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the agenda, as amended, be approved. 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

8.3.1 Centre de la Francophonie – Jules Chaisson

Mr. Jules Chaisson, Executive Director, Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre, Mr. Allister Surette, President and Vice-Chancellor of l'Universite Sainte-Anne, and Mr. Darrell Samson, CEO, Conseil scolaire acadien provincial addressed the Committee and provided a presentation on their joint effort in creating centre de la Francophonie. The Centre will encompass a Francophonie Centre for the university campus of L'Université Sainte-Anne, an elementary school for the CSAP, and accommodation for community organizations in downtown Halifax.

Mr. Chaisson spoke in regard to the Francophone community of Halifax, its contribution to the city, and the community section of the Francophone Centre. Mr. Sampson reviewed the needs for a francophone school located in downtown Halifax and the section the school will take in the Francophone Center. Mr. Surette highlighted the needs for the Francophone university in Halifax, its future plans and the section of the university that it would occupy in the Francophone Center.

Deputy Mayor Fisher spoke in support of the project, advising that there is a very vibrant French community in the Province, and that he wasn't sure what role the Municipality could play in their vision but that perhaps staff could explore ways in which the Municipality could assist.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend staff provide a report on the Centre de la Francophonie project and explore ways the Municipality can explore and assist on the project.

In response to questions in regard to specifics about the project, Mr. Chaisson advised that the purpose of today's presentation was to raise awareness of the project, and highlight the benefits to the City of moving forward with this project. In terms of the actual building, Mr. Chaisson indicated that they are in the concept design stage but that they would be looking for something that has considerably large square footage and on the Peninsula, as being located near the university sector is key to their plans.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF - None

9.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Councillor Mason

"That the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report regarding the possible development of a heritage management plan, including wayfinding signage, interpretive plaques, site maintenance standards and a long term site plan, and possible partnerships for the Camp Hill Cemetery"

Councillor Mason advised that it has come to his attention that the Committee's Terms of Reference does not have jurisdiction over heritage matters such as this, therefore, he was withdrawing his motion, and indicated he would bring it forward to Regional Council.

10.2 Councillor Nicoll

"That the Committee place Nova Scotia's Proposed Greener Economy Strategy on the agenda for discussion."

Councillor Nicoll had given Notice of Motion on this matter last month, on behalf of Councillor Watts who was unable to be present at that time.

Councillor Watts provided an update advising that she is the UNSM representative on the Round Table on Environment and Sustainable Prosperity and they have been charged with the task of conducting a public review of the proposed Green Economy Strategy. She noted that the Strategy is on the website and she encouraged all Councillors to review it, and advised that she would be pleased to take forward their comments. Councillor Watts added that the EGSPA will provide its comment in writing and forwarded to the Provincial Government.

11. IN CAMERA: None

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Centennial Pool – Councillor Mason

Councillor Mason advised that he and Councillor Watts have been contacted by residents with concerns over the cancellation of youth and seniors swimming at Centennial Pool. He noted that the seniors swimming was cancelled about a year and a half ago and that the youth swimming had been cancelled recently. Councillor Mason added that the Pool is run by the Centennial Pool Association and that municipal staff has looked into this matter but are having difficulty in obtaining information. Councillor Mason advised, therefore, he was seeking the Committee's support for a staff report on the matter.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report regarding the provision of youth, senior and other community swimming lessons at Centennial Pool, which shall include specific response from the Centennial Board on the reduction in youth swimming lessons at Centennial Pool, including the reasons for the change, timing of the change in relation to the YMCA closure, impact on the users and discussion on the need for reinstatement of the program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Mason

"Take notice that at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee I will request a staff report, in the context of the Clairmont Report and the new Public Safety Office, regarding options for municipal funding and support for the business improvement district's Navigator Street Outreach Program for consideration in the 2015/16 budget process."

13.2 Councillor Mason

"Take notice that, at the next regular Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, I will move the following:

The Committee recommend that Regional Council request a staff report regarding the addition of heritage to Section 3.3 of the Committee's terms of reference and following sections read that the Committee has oversight over "arts, culture, recreation and heritage"

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 13, 2014

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant