



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 15, 2014**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Wayne Mason
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Stephen Adams
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Barry Dalrymple
Councillor Darren Fisher

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Director, Legal Services
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy 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 10:06 a.m. and convened into in camera at 11:20 a.m. The Standing Committee reconvened at 11:47 a.m. and adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 24, 2014

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

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

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated November 21, 2014 re: African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office (Information Item 1) would be forwarded to Regional Council as an information item.

Addition:

- 12.1 Councillor Karsten Request for Staff Report re: By-law E-100 Respecting a Prompt and Coordinated Response to an Emergency

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mosher that the Order of Business 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

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received for item 9.1.1. This correspondence was circulated to the Standing Committee.

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentations – None

Councillor Whitman entered the meeting at this time.

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Fire Services Operational Review – 2014 Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 15, 2014
- A copy of the staff presentation
- Correspondence from Tim Rissesco, Executive Director, Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission

In discussion with Mr. John Traves, Director of Legal Services it was **MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Craig that the staff presentation be heard without debate and that the Executive Standing Committee refer the Fire Services Operational Review – 2014 Update to Halifax Regional Council with a recommendation that this matter be considered at a Committee of the Whole session in January 2015. MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED.**

Mr. Doug Trussler Chief of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services (HRFE) introduced Divisional Chief Stephen Nearing and other Fire & Emergency Services and Corporate Communications staff in attendance and delivered a presentation entitled: Evolving the Fire Service: An Operational Review; phase 2 of the Master Fire Plan. Divisional Chief Nearing presented the mapping criteria and explained the modelling for response times and their accuracy using the corporate GIS software and maps. Chief Trussler indicated that questions from members of Council could be forwarded to Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services Policy and Business Initiatives Coordinator Rita Clarke for response in a supplementary staff report to Committee of the Whole.

Item 12.1 Councillor Karsten Request for Staff Report re: By-law E-100 Respecting a Prompt and Coordinated Response to an Emergency was addressed at this time.

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Councillor Karsten noted that the Executive Standing Committee has oversight of the By-law E-100 and it was **MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Executive Standing Committee request a staff report reviewing By-law E-100 Respecting of a Prompt and Coordinated Response to an Emergency to confirm that all the provisions are being followed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

10. MOTIONS – NONE

11. IN CAMERA

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:

11.1 Minutes – November 24, 2014

This matter was dealt with in public session.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Walker that the In Camera minutes of November 24, 2014 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Craig that the Executive Standing Committee convene into In Camera to address a personnel matter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Standing Committee recessed at 11:20 a.m. to convene into In Camera.

The Standing Committee reconvened at 11:47 a.m.

11.2 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to a personnel matter about an identifiable individual/individuals or body with whom the municipality has a direct interest.

11.2.1 Nominations of Citizens to Various Boards and Committees (Board of Police Commissioners, Community Monitoring Committee, Design Review Committee, and Halifax Regional Library Board) – *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was addressed In Camera and ratified in the public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Executive Standing Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council the approval of the citizen nominations to the Community Monitoring Committee and Halifax Regional Library Board, and the approval of the Professionals and Citizens at Large nominations to Design Review Committee as addressed during the In Camera session.

It is further recommended that the two private and confidential staff reports dated December 8, 2014 not be released to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Karsten – Request for Staff Report re: By-law

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 3.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Ms. Cathy Mellett
Municipal Clerk