

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 23, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Darren Fisher
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Jennifer Watts

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair

STAFF: Ms. Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. in the Media Room, 1st Floor, City Hall.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason that the rules of procedure be suspended to deal with a motion of rescission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

Additions:

9.1 Motion from April 11, 2013 CP&ED meeting RE: AdHoc Special Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (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 RESCISSION – April 11, 2013

RE: Item 8.2 Information Report dated February 18, 2013 – Regional Youth Advisory Committee

The Chair advised that following the April 11, 2013 meeting, she was informed by the Municipal Clerk that the motion did not address whether the Youth Advisory Committee was to be disbanded and that the Standing Committee needed to formalize this in a motion in order to have the Committee formally dissolved and removed as one of Regional Council's Committees.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the following motion from the April 11, 2013 meeting be rescinded:

“The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend Regional Council adopt a community based approach for youth engagement as an effective means for reaching and sustaining diverse groups of various youth from all over the Municipality. Further, request staff meet bi-annually to review the current trends and issues with youth; and prepare a status report to update HRM's Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee of these trends and issues and the actions taken.”

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council that:

1) Regional Council dissolve the Youth Advisory Committee established in 2006 but no longer officially functioning, in order to adopt a more effective way of engaging with Youth across HRM (required in order to remove it from the books as an HRM Committee).

2) And that Regional Council direct staff of Community Recreation Services to continue to engage youth, both in their communities and online, to better understand the current trends and issues of youth across HRM; and further direct staff to provide bi-annual reports to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee regarding trends and issues, best practices, and actions taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - None**
- 7. MATTERS REFERRED FROM REGINAL COUNCIL / OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES - None**
- 8. REPORTS - None**
- 9. ADDED ITEMS:**
 - 9.1 Motion from April 11, 2013 CP&ED meeting RE: AdHoc Special Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (Councillor Mason)**

Councillor Mason advised that it has come to his attention that the motion he put forward and was passed at the April 11, 2013 meeting needed clarification to note that the proposed Committee would be providing advice to staff. Councillor Mason explained that he would like to rescind the April 11, 2013 motion and put forward a new motion.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the rules of procedure be suspended to deal with a motion of rescission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the following motion from the April 11, 2013 meeting be rescinded:

“That Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend Regional Council direct staff to establish an AdHoc Special Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, in accordance with the standard terms and reference of HRM advisory committees and for a term not to exceed December 2013. The purpose of the AdHoc Committee is to work with HRM Staff and the CPED Standing Committee:

- **To examine best practise models for how Municipalities which have enabled and support strong links between the professional arts and culture sector and the Municipality**
- **And, to examine how HRM may wish to engage citizens and stakeholders in providing input on matters related to professional arts & culture sector in HRM**
- **And, to examine best practise models and possible program directions HRM could undertake to support the professional arts and culture sector throughout HRM in support of the Regional Plan objectives and to inform the development of the Culture and Heritage Priority Plan.**
- **And, to report with recommendations in the areas to the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee for their review and consideration no later than December 31, 2013 in order to make recommendations to Regional Council in advance of the 2014-2015 budget process.**

Further, that Regional Council direct that the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee to be both the nominating and appointing body to the AdHoc Committee and provide governance overview and direction to the work undertaken by the Committee.

And Further, as there may be budget implications to support this Committee, that Regional Council request a staff report be provided to the next meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing committee outlining any budget implications, staff support plan and provide the detailed Terms of Reference for review and recommendation by CPEDSC for approval by Regional Council”

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council, that Council direct staff to:

- 1) **Establish an AdHoc Special Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Standard terms of reference for advisory committees and for a term not to exceed December 2013.**

The purpose of the AdHoc Committee is to advise, provide feedback and guidance to staff related to the following:

- **Best practice models for how municipalities have enabled and support strong links between the professional arts and culture sector and the municipality**
 - **Best practice models and possible program directions HRM could undertake to support the professional arts and culture sector in HRM in support of the Regional Plan objectives and to inform the development of the Culture and Heritage Priority Plan**
 - **Staff to report with recommendations, including any input received back from the advisory committee to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee for their review and consideration no later than December 31, 2013 in order to make recommendations to Regional Council in advance of the 2014-2015 budget process.**
- 2) Further, that Regional Council direct the CPED Standing Committee to be both the nominating and appointing body for the AdHoc Committee and provide governance overview and direction to the work undertaken by the Committee.**
- 3) And further, as there may be budget implications to support this committee, that Regional Council request a staff report be provided to the next meeting of CPED outlining any budget implications, staff support plan and detailed Terms of Reference for review and recommendation by CPED Standing Committee for approval by Regional Council.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning the meeting, the Chair pointed out that this was the second month in a row that the Standing Committee was required to hold a special meeting in order to rescind motions that staff determined were not procedurally or legislatively correct. She added that she wanted it noted for the record that it would be beneficial if staff would provide an up to date governance model and protocol for the Standing Committees, to prevent the Committee from having to do this in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant