

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

June 13, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair  
Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Wayne Mason

REGRETS: Councillor Darren Fisher

STAFF: Ms. Sara Knight, Solicitor  
Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 13, 2013**

The Chair noted that at the May meeting, she had made a comment that HRM has a number of MOU's (Memorandums of Understanding) which should be revisited, and although it wasn't reflected in the minutes, she was pleased to see that staff addressed it in the staff information report submitted for this meeting.

Councillor Watts referred to the Irving Shipyard presentation request in the May 13, 2013 minutes and advised that further to her comments with respect to traffic concerns, she also noted that she was concerned about the impact the construction will have, in particular, on residents.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason that the minutes of May 13, 2013 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 9.1 Special Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Outhit that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/ DEFERRED BUSINESS:**  
None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**5.1 Correspondence:** None

**5.2 Petitions:** None

**5.3 Presentations:**

**5.3.1 Halifax International Airport Authority**

Mr. Michael Healy, Vice President of Infrastructure and Commercial Development was in attendance to provide a presentation in regard to the growth of the Halifax International Airport and the support of the community. The presentation focused on the 2010 Master Plan which is a 20 year Master Plan outlining the next logical phase of

the Airport's growth to be the development of groundside lands to provide sources of non-aeronautical revenue. HIAA is working with industry experts to prepare a commercial development strategy and plan for HSIA's groundside lands. The plan, which is conceived to be implemented in phases, includes opportunities for convenience and destination retail, flex business and office space, and ancillary services.

Mr. Healy advised that with HRM's support, there will be the opportunity to create more than 4,000 jobs for the community, provide significant spin-off benefits, including commercial taxes. He advised that they will need to work with HRM to:

- Resolve outstanding issues related to the provision of water and waste water.
- Remove restrictions of Building Permit approval related to water and waste water resources
- Put in place a new Development Grant Agreement, which positions HIAA to be competitive with other airports.
- Reactivate the process of moving forward the approval of Airport Protection Zoning
- Support HIAA in the process of updating the Transport Canada Land Use Plan.

Mr. Healy responded to questions.

Councillor Mason expressed concern over whether the Airport's plan to develop something on a scale of Dartmouth Crossing was compatible with the Regional Plan.

Councillor Watts reiterated Councillor Mason's concern advising that the Regional Plan has been struggling over where the commercial, office, and retail uses are provided and the impact that it has on other areas of the Municipality. She also expressed concern about the water and waste water infrastructure issues and the funding involved in this and the impact it could have on other water/wastewater priorities that Council has. Councillor Watts indicated that perhaps staff could provide information on how this is integrated into the Regional Plan.

In response, Mr. Healy advised that these were issues being considered in the development of their program. He suggested that there may be revenue opportunities to the Community as well as the airport that will supersede the resources required.

In response to a question from Councillor Watts with regard to the Community Consultative Committee, Mr. Healy advised that he would follow up and provide her information on the composition, and the selection process for members of the Committee. He further explained that their Consultant has had ongoing consultation with stakeholders in the community and as they go forward they will be having one-on-one discussions and distributing Plans. Mr. Healy pointed out that they were early in the process, advising that they were still working on the business case for development costs internally, to bring to their Board for approval. Mr. Healy added that this plan was all conceptual at this time, and that the stage of their planning, to date, was market analysis and economic impact studies.

Councillor Watts suggested that it would be helpful for the Community Design Advisory Committee to be informed of the Airport's plans and understand it in terms of the Regional Plan.

In response, Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Office addressed the Committee and explained that land use zoning for the Airport is set in the Regional Plan but the scope that Council approved for review in the Plan did not include the zoning at the airport. He added that, as the Airport plan moves ahead from conceptual to an actual design, they will be back to Council for various approvals. Mr. Butts also noted that Halifax Water has budgeted \$25 million for water infrastructure to upgrade the Aerotech plan to meet federal guidelines, and these funds have been budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year, and the year after that.

Councillor Watts referred to slide in the presentation noting a Development Grant Agreement and in response to clarification on this, Mr. Healy explained that the Municipality and the Airport have had an agreement in place and currently staff from both is working to put a longer term grant in place. The Chair advised that staff would forward Councillor Watts further information on this via e-mail.

The Chair thanked Mr. Healy for his presentation.

The Chair advised that, due to the lengthy agenda and time constraints, it would be difficult for the Committee to complete all agenda items today. She suggested, **and it was agreed, that item 7.4 be forwarded to the next regular agenda.**

### **5.3.2 'Battle of Atlantic Place'**

Mr. Ted Kelly addressed the Committee and advised that he was here on behalf of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust to provide information on a project the Trust is about to embark concerning the HMCS Sackville, the last of Canada's 123 Second World War Navy Corvettes.

He explained that the Memorial Trust purchased HMCS Sackville from the Federal Government for \$1 and then raised several million dollars to return the ship to its wartime configuration, and it has been operated as a museum. He added that the Battle of Atlantic Place project has been created to preserve the ship.

Mr. Kelly provided a five-minute promotional video on the project for the Committee's information.

Battle of Atlantic Place will be a building covering 1.8 hectares, which houses an interpretive centre and interactive display on the Battle of the Atlantic. It will be located on a waterfront lot near where the HMCS Sackville is currently berthed, and the plan is to have the memorial ready for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017.

Mr. Kelly advised that the Trust will be in charge of erecting the structure, and that they have received support from the Provincial and Federal Governments, HRM, and private sponsors. He added that they have recently completed the selection process for the design team, and are in negotiations with the top ranked proponent and expect to sign an agreement within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Kelly presented an illustration of the site and advised that they hope it will become a defining landmark on the City, and that they feel there will be the potential for significant economic benefit from the project.

Mr. Kelly responded to questions from the Committee members and the Chair thanked him for his presentation.

### **5.3.3 Update on Draft Regional Plan**

Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning provided a presentation to the Committee, bringing the Committee up to date on the status of the Regional Plan review.

Mr. French began his remarks by reviewing the fundamentals of why the Regional Plan was important and the need to review it at regular intervals. He provided an explanation of the review process and what has been done to date. He concluded his presentation by giving a brief overview of the proposed changes to the Plan; he explaining at what stage staff were at in the process, and the next steps in the process.

Mr. French and Ms. Jane Fraser, Director, Planning and Infrastructure responded to questions.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that staff provide this presentation to Regional Council at the June 25, 2013 meeting.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL/OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES: None**

### **7. REPORTS**

#### **7.1 Renewal of the Greater Halifax Partnership Service Level Agreement**

A staff report dated June 3, 2013 was submitted.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee endorse the Service Level Agreement with the Greater Halifax Partnership for a term of five years, with the ability for HRM to terminate the Agreement with six months'**

**written notice, and forward to Regional Council for approval. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7.2 Update to HRM Immigration Action Plan and LIP Opportunity**

A staff report dated June 5, 2013 was submitted.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Outhit that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the updated Welcoming Newcomers Action Plan, as attached to the June 5, 2013 staff report.**
- 2. Authorize staff to seek funding in the amount of \$160,473 from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) for 3-year funding, to administer the part time Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Coordinator.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7.3 Economic Strategy Actions – Updated Actions – Years 3-5**

A staff report dated May 24, 2013 was submitted.

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council endorse the proposed updates to the actions under the 2011-2016 Economic Strategy. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7.4. Response to the Auditor General's Report – Development through Partnerships – A Performance Evaluation Phase 2**

Due to time constraints, **it was agreed** to defer this item to the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None**

**9. ADDED ITEMS:**

The Committee recessed at 4:01 p.m.  
The Committee reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

**9.1 Special Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**

A staff report dated May 17, 2013 was circulated.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed Terms of Reference for a new Special Arts and Culture Advisory Committee as outlined in Attachment 1 of the May 17, 2013 staff report.**

Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Regional Recreation and Culture responded to questions.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. IN CAMERA**

**10.1 PERSONNEL MATTER -** Appointment to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Outhit that the Committee convene to In Camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE: August 8, 2013**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant