



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 21, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Waye Mason, Chair  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice Chair  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Steve Adams  
Councillor Steve Craig

**REGRETS:** Councillor Tony Mancini

**OTHER COUNCIL  
MEMBERS:** Councillor David Hendsbee

**STAFF:** Ms. Claire Gillivan, Solicitor  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant  
Mr. Brad Anguish, Acting DCAO

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCcped/index.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2016.**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Adams

**THAT the minutes of March 24, 2016 be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Deletion:

10.3.1 Presentation – Sara Napier – United Way Halifax’s Vision for Community Development  
(request to be rescheduled to June 16 meeting)

Additions:

15.1 Wayfinding Strategy – Councillor Nicoll

Information Report: Semi-Annual Youth Engagement Report  
Information Report: Switch Open Streets

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**
- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**
- 6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
  - 10.1 Correspondence - None**
  - 10.2 Petitions - None**
  - 10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 United Way – Sara Napier – United Way Halifax’s Vision for Community Development**

This was deleted during the approval of the order of business. Ms. Napier advised that her colleague was unable to attend today, and she requested that her presentation be rescheduled to the June meeting in order that both she and her colleague would be available to provide the presentation together.

### 10.3.1 Engage NS – Danny Graham - Update

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation entitled Engage Nova Scotia, Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, April 21, 2016.

Mr. Danny Graham, Chief Engagement Officer, Engage Nova Scotia and Ms. Nancy Watson, Managing Director, Engage Nova Scotia provided a presentation, updating the Committee on how Engage Nova Scotia used the \$50,000 funding it received last year from the Municipality. Providing background information, Mr. Graham explained that in February 2015 he made a presentation to the Committee, and the Committee passed a motion recommending that Halifax Regional Municipality, working closely with the Halifax Partnership (HP), provide an initial grant of \$50,000 to Engage Nova Scotia (ENS) with the possibility of an additional grant next year, subject to Council approval and if certain conditions are met. Mr. Graham added that his presentation today was to update the Committee and provide detail on how the funds were used, and to request an additional \$50,000. Mr. Graham elaborated on the three areas of work that Engage Nova Scotia used the funds, as follows:

- A symposium on economy, attitude and well-being held in 2015;
- A survey on the attitudes of Nova Scotians towards change and economic development conducted in 2015; and
- A survey on community well-being to be completed in conjunction with the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Graham responding to questions. Committee members commented that they would appreciate receiving more information on the 'We are Nova Scotia' movement and youth component and any financial statements, if available.

### 11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

### 12. REPORTS

#### 12.1 STAFF

##### 12.1.1 Implementation of Halifax Economic Growth Plan 2016-21

The following was before Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 8, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee accept the report and recommend it be forwarded to Regional Council for information.**

### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

#### 12.2 REGIONAL COUNCIL

##### 12.2.1 Motion by Councillor Hendsbee – Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society – referred from April 5, 2016 Regional Council meeting.

The following was before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- A draft extract of the April 5, 2016 Regional Council minutes.

The following motion was moved and seconded at the April 5, 2016 Regional Council meeting; but a subsequent motion was passed referring it to this Committee:

*“MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple*

***That Regional Council request staff:***

***Meet with the Executive Director and Board of the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society to review the heritage work of the Society to date to assess its relevance and effectiveness in researching, documenting and presenting the heritage of the rural coastal area of HRM***

***Prepare a staff report making recommendations concerning the advisability of and the terms and conditions of an interim agreement with the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society to provide financial assistance for operating and special projects, including financial assistance for an Eastern Shore oral history documentation project focused on key elders in the area.***

***Meet with all heritage societies in District 2 to review their respective heritage work and make recommendations in relation to the development of a Regional Museum Strategy.”***

A brief discussion ensued in regard to the best approach in dealing with the motion; with the suggestion that it be moved and seconded and defeated, and then an alternative motion brought forward. However, the Committee agreed to table the motion and then bring forward an alternative motion.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Craig

**THAT the motion be tabled.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee**

**1. Request a staff report for consideration during the fall budget 2017/18 process that will identify options and opportunities for creation of an annual funding program for heritage organizations in HRM that shall include assessment and recommendations regarding a systematic policy driven approach regarding:**

- a) capital, maintenance and operating costs related to municipally owned facilities and collections operated by the municipality or by arms length not for profits**
- b) periodic capital and/or annual operating costs of community owned facilities and collections operated by arms length not for profits**
- c) any other funding for heritage programs that may be appropriate to consider as a part of this approach**

**The process to create the report will include stakeholder consultation and assessment of best practices in other municipalities.**

**2. Request a staff report providing an update on the progress and timelines for the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan to be presented at the next meeting of CPED.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. MOTIONS - NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**14.1 Minutes – March 24, 2016**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor Adams

**THAT the in camera minutes of March 24, 2016 be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**15.1 Wayfinding Strategy – Councillor Nicoll**

The following was before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:

- A Request for Added Item form, submitted by Councillor Nicoll.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report on the current HRM initiatives, programs, and policies that are establishing an HRM-wide wayfinding strategy. The report to identify gaps in the current approach, assess against other relevant jurisdictions, and identify opportunities to improve the current wayfinding practices in HRM.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Gordon Hammond addressed the Committee and commended the members for dealing with the funding problem for heritage organizations (addressed earlier in the meeting), adding that it is an issue that has been around since amalgamation. He explained that, from the community's perspective, they have been advised to wait until the cultural heritage strategy was completed, but they have been waiting for some time for this to be completed. Mr. Hammond went on to note that when the Dartmouth Heritage Museum requested additional funds, there was the perception that they may be getting funds before the Strategy is done. He added that the Committee's motion today was timely. Mr. Hammond then extended an invitation to all to visit Memory Lane Heritage Village and noted that it was community owned and operated, and very successful in terms of attendance.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 19, 2016**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant