

COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

February 10, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Councillor Darren Fisher
Councillor Mary Wile
Councillor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillor Peter Lund

ABSENT: Councillor Sue Uteck
Councillor Tim Outhit
Councillor Steve Streach (regrets)

STAFF: Ms. Jennifer Church, Managing Director, External and
Corporate Affairs
Mr. Jim Donovan, Manager of Economic Development
Mr. Peter Stickings, Manager of Real State and Facility Services
Ms. Anne Totten, Corporate Policy Analyst
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that the minutes of January 17, 2011 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Draft Terms of Reference

A revised draft Terms of Reference was submitted.

The Chair referred to Section 6 (Advisory Committees) of the draft Terms of Reference and suggested that the Chairs from the Transportation Standing Committee, the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, and this Standing Committee become members of the Regional Plan Advisory Committee. She noted that Councillor Hendsbee is currently on the Regional Plan Advisory Committee and he is a member of the Transportation Standing Committee.

The Chair advised that she was going to recommend that at GHP's next meeting, they include an agenda item in regard to membership on the Mayor's Economic Advisory Committee

The Chair also noted that she will include the Strategic Urban Partnership in the Terms of Reference .

Ms. Jennifer Church explained that she and Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development, discussed how the Strategic Urban Partnership would fit within the Advisory committees. She pointed out that this group does not exist yet as a committee or advisory body, however, the Capital Ideas proposal and the Strategic Urban partnership is a piece of work that needs to be vetted through this Standing Committee as items proceed to Regional Council. Ms. Church suggested that it may be appropriate to include this in the draft Terms of Reference under sections 1 or 2 where the role of the committee and oversight functions are discussed as opposed to including it under the Advisory Committees.

The Chair advised that the Terms of Reference will stay on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 Correspondence – None

5.2 Petitions - None

5.3 Presentations:

5.3.1 HRM's Role in Economic Development

A PowerPoint Presentation regarding HRM's Role in Economic Development (February 8, 2011) was submitted.

Ms. Jennifer Church, Mr. Jim Donovan, Mr. Peter Stickings and Ms. Anne Totten provided the presentation outlining economic development in HRM, highlighting the Business Park Program, and the work that Greater Halifax Partnership, Destination Halifax, Trade Centre Limited, and the Business Improvement Districts carry out.

Staff responded to questions from Committee members.

The Chair thanked staff for the presentation, and requested that the Power Point presentation be circulated to the Committee.

6. REPORTS:

6.1 Administrative Standing Committee - Motion Referred RE: Proposed Civic Events Working Group

A motion from the Administrative Standing Committee (January 24, 2011) with an attached memorandum dated January 18, 2010 regarding Proposed Civic Events Working Group was submitted.

The Chair advised that the Administrative Standing Committee forwarded the memo to this Standing Committee and the Audit and Finance Standing Committee for review and input. She indicated that it appears the memo is more for the Committee's information than action, as the matter is not under the Committee's purview.

A brief discussion ensued with regard to whether the Committee was expected to provide feedback to the Administrative Standing Committee on the memo. The Chair advised that she would contact the mover and seconder of the motion and get clarification of their intent in forwarding it to this Committee.

7. **ADDED ITEMS:** None
8. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 10, 2011
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant

The following information items were submitted:

1. Membership List – Mayor’s Economic Advisory Committee
2. PowerPoint Presentation from January 17, 2011 meeting – Jennifer Church