



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 8, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair  
Councillor Waye Mason, Vice Chair  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher

**REGRETS:** Councillor Tim Outhit

**STAFF:** Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Kirby Grant, Senior Solicitor  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., and adjourned at 3:32. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera session at 3:33 p.m. adjourned the In Camera session at 3:50 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2014, April 10, 2014**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason that the minutes of March 20, 2014 and April 10, 2014; and the April 10, 2014 In Camera minutes be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 12.1 Family Space in HRM Owned Facilities – Councillor Nicoll
- 12.2 Schedule ‘A’ Update – Service Agreement – Greater Halifax Partnership
- 12.3 Pavilion Youth Association

In Camera:

- 11.2 Personnel Matter – Citizen Committee Appointment

With regard to added item 12.2 the Chair noted that the report was submitted late and Committee members have not had an opportunity to thoroughly review it. She advised that the Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) has indicated they wish to provide a presentation to the Committee next month; she suggested, therefore, that the report be forwarded to the June meeting at the same time the GHP will be providing its presentation.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Mason that item 12.2 be forwarded to the June agenda. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**9. REPORTS:**

**9.1 STAFF:**

**9.1.1 Downtown I'm In**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 28, 2014.

Ms. Maggie MacDonald, Acting Managing Director, Government Relations and External Affairs provided a staff presentation on the 'Downtown I'm In' event, explaining that it was a project that came out of the 2011-2016 Economic Strategy and was developed to advance the strategic priorities of the Strategy. A forum was created to engage the public on the urban core and it was held on February 8, 2014. She added that following this, the data were collected and analyzed and although revitalizing the urban core will require sustained attention and longer term interventions, there are immediate steps toward enlivening the urban core that can be taken and were being recommended by staff in the submitted report.

The Chair acknowledged Mayor Savage who had joined the meeting and invited him to put forward a motion if he wished.

**MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend Regional Council accept the Downtown . . . I'm In report, acknowledge the short and long term activities being carried out that respond to ideas raised at Downtown. . . I'm In and direct staff to pursue actions described in Table 1 of the March 28, 2014 staff report.**

Mayor Savage advised that he participated in the event and noted that it was very well organized and successful. He added that with everyone coming together to share ideas, it will result in an idea such last summer's placing of picnic tables in the Grand Parade which turned out to be very popular. He noted that for an expenditure of approximately \$1000, the outcome exceeded expectations.

The Committee entered a discussion with Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Jane Fraser, Director, Planning and Infrastructure responding to questions.

Councillor Mason advised that he was very supportive of this report and pointed out that there are a number of small initiatives that are easy to implement and that have a big impact, such as bicycle stands throughout the City, and the picnic tables in public spaces. He suggested that staff issue press releases when these initiatives are implemented to communicate to the public about these exciting ideas. He also suggested that Council receive a regular report on the implementation of initiatives, even if something could not be carried out, with an explanation of why it could not be carried out.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.2 Halifax Explosion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advisory Committee**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 10, 2014.

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

- 1) **Adopt Administrative Order 2014-005-GOV providing the Terms of Reference for the Halifax Explosion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advisory Committee as outlined in Attachment 1 of the April 10, 2014 staff report and**
- 2) **Future recommendations in regard to the Halifax Explosion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program be brought forward to CPED for consideration during the annual budgeting process.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. MOTIONS: None**

**11. IN CAMERA**

**11.1 Minutes – April 10, 2014**

Minutes were approved during the public session, under Approval of Minutes.

**11.2 Personnel Matter – Citizen Committee Appointment**

This matter was dealt with at an in camera session held later in the meeting.

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Family space in HRM Owned Facilities – Councillor Nicoll**

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report on the feasibility of creating family space in HRM-owned facilities.**

Councillor McCluskey advised that she had raised a similar matter last year and it had been with the Human Resources Business Unit for consideration. She suggested that the Committee may want to follow up with HR first before requesting another report.

Mr. Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer advised that he would follow-up with staff on this matter.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that this matter be deferred until staff follow up on the status of HRM's policy on this matter and provide a response back to the Committee.**

**MOTION TO DEFER WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 Schedule A Update – Service Agreement Greater Halifax Partnership**

During the approval of the order of business, this item was forwarded to the June agenda.

**12.3 Pavilion – Councillor Mason**

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Committee suspend the Rules of Order in order that it can deal with this matter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request staff prepare a report identifying options and associated budget and access implications for the continued use of the HRM-owned Pavilion by the Pavilion Youth Association (PYA) for the conduct of all ages concerts. The report shall give specific consideration to:**

- 1) below market rental costs, potentially \$1.00/night;**
- 2) flexible scheduling consistent with industry practice;**
- 3) permanent storage and placement of concert equipment (lights, public address system, instruments on stage and in storage); and**
- 4) long term, three to five year shared use agreement with HRM or, alternatively, a management agreement whereby PYA manages the Pavilion on behalf of HRM.**

**And further, staff are requested to maintain the current operating agreement between the PYA and HRM rec until end of August 2014 or until the new agreement is in place (whichever happens first) to allow this summer's youth programming to continue uninterrupted.**

Councillor Mason explained the reason for his motion was that the Pavilion Youth Association (PYA) has been run on non-profit basis for a number of years, and the City has provided some assistance to the Association in regard to the use of space but there has never been any type of official agreement in place. He added that he is also asking staff to consider extending the current agreement until the end of August because if their current arrangement ends the middle of May, it will significantly impact their shows, most of which happen during the summer months. Councillor Mason pointed out that the Pavilion is a regional resource for young people and he hoped staff would be supportive of his motion.

In response, Mr. Brad Anguish, Director of Community and Recreation Services advised that the first part of the motion was clear but he expressed concern with the second part of the motion

which ‘requests staff to maintain the current operation agreement’. He advised that staff is working through this situation because there is no current operating agreement with the Association. Staff has issued a letter to the PYA outlining the boundaries in which staff have to work within and how they can go forward without direct intervening by Council. Mr. Anguish advised that if the spirit of the motion is to ask staff to consider enabling the continued use of the Pavilion by the PYA, then the motion could be revised to clarify that point.

Councillor Mason concurred and advised he would revise the second part of the motion as follows:

“And further, staff is requested to consider enabling the continued use of the pavilion by the Pavilion Youth Association until the current operating agreement is in place or until the end of August (whichever comes first).”

Mr. Labrecque noted that staff have the authority to proceed with this, however, he questioned if there would be a step that would require involvement by Regional Council.

Mr. Anguish indicated that he did not know at this time, but should something come up that would have to involve Regional Council, staff would immediately follow up on that issue.

The revised motion now reads:

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**And further, staff is requested to consider enabling the continued use of the pavilion by the PYA until the current operating agreement is in place or until the end of August (whichever comes first).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION: None**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 12, 2014**

**14.1 Request for Special Meeting on May 29, 2014**

Mr. Labrecque, DCAO asked for the Committee's consideration of holding a special joint meeting with the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to deal with reports on the Long Term Arena Strategy and the Strategic Capital Funding Strategy. He added that staff was suggesting holding the meeting sometime between June 5 and June 12 in order that the reports could then be dealt with by Council prior to the summer break.

A brief discussion ensued and the Chair advised that the suggested date for the special joint meeting with the Audit and Finance Standing Committee is **Thursday, June 5, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**, pending confirmation by the Clerk's Office.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the Committee convene to an in camera session.**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant