



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 12, 2014**

PRESENT: Councillor Steve Adams, Vice Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Darren Fisher
Councillor Steve Craig

REGRETS: Councillor Wayne Mason, Chair
Councillor Jennifer Watts

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

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The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the minutes of January 8, 2015 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

12.1 Information Report – Current and Potential Municipal Initiatives to Support Affordable Housing

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher 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

7.1 Approval of the 2015 Proposed Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- A memorandum dated February 4, 2015 from the Legislative Assistant

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the 2015 meeting schedule be approved as follows:

**Date: 3rd Thursday of each month
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall**

**March 26
April 16
May 21
June 18
July 23
September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions - None

8.3 Presentation - None

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Possible Support for Engage Nova Scotia

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 30, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that the Audit & Finance Standing Committee

- (1) Halifax Regional Municipality, working closely with the Halifax Partnership (HP), provide an initial grant of \$50,000 to Engage Nova Scotia (ENS) this fiscal year with the possibility of an additional grant next year, subject to Council approval and if certain conditions are met.**
- (2) Approve the withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328 to cover the operating grant for fiscal 2014/15 and 2015/16 respectively.**
- (3) Halifax Regional Municipality and ENS sign an Agreement along the lines of the one set out in Attachment A to govern the relationship between the two parties and to set out conditions for continuation.**
- (4) Halifax Regional Municipality participate actively in the work of ENS where appropriate over the coming year.**

Ms. Maggie MacDonald, Acting Managing Director, Government Relations and External Affairs and Mr. Chris Bryant, Senior Advisor, Government Relations and External Affairs responded to questions from the Committee.

In response to questions from Deputy Mayor Nicoll, Mr. Bryant advised that Mr. Danny Graham, a Board Member of Engage Nova Scotia was present and could respond to specific questions with regard to the work of Engage Nova Scotia, if the Committee wished. The Committee agreed to hear Mr. Graham and he was invited to come forward.

Mr. Graham addressed the Committee and provided background information on the origin and mandate of Engage Nova Scotia, advising that Engage Nova Scotia is a network of individuals and organizations from across the Province taking action on the Province's economic and social challenges by changing attitudes and introducing new ideas. He added that the group wants to get more Nova Scotians involved and engaged in solving these challenges, and rely less on government to resolve these issues.

Mr. Graham responded to questions.

In response to a question, Mr. Graham explained that the funding the group receives will go toward supporting events like a Symposium on Economy, Attitude and Wellbeing they are hosting in June 2015.

A discussion ensued and the Committee was generally supportive of this initiative, however, there was concern that the wording of recommendation 2, as written, suggests the Municipality was going to provide \$100,000 for the next 13 months to Engage Nova Scotia, whereas, the intent was to provide \$50,000 this year with the idea of re-examining it next year for providing an additional \$50,000. The Committee felt an amendment would provide clarity around this aspect.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that recommendation 2 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

“Approve the withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328 to cover the operating grant for fiscal and 2015/16.”

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.

The motion, as amended, now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend:

- (1) Halifax Regional Municipality, working closely with the Halifax Partnership (HP), provide an initial grant of \$50,000 to Engage Nova Scotia (ENS) this fiscal year with the possibility of an additional grant next year, subject to Council approval and if certain conditions are met.**
- (2) Approve the withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328 to cover the operating grant for fiscal and 2015/16.**
- (3) Halifax Regional Municipality and ENS sign an Agreement along the lines of the one set out in Attachment A to govern the relationship between the two parties and to set out conditions for continuation.**
- (4) Halifax Regional Municipality participate actively in the work of ENS where appropriate over the coming year.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 OTHER COMMITTEES

9.2.1 Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee – Guiding Principles and Vision Statement

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A recommendation report dated January 26, 2015 from the Chair of the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee adopt the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Program Guiding Principles and Vision Statement attached to the January 26, 2015 Committee report as the Vision and Principles to guide the various components of the Municipal Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Commemorative program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.2 Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee – Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Emblem

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A recommendation report dated January 26, 2015 from the Chair of the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Craig that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to investigate the design, licensing, and usage of a Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Emblem.

Mr. Bruce DeBaie, Managing Director, Corporate Communications responded to questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

10. **MOTIONS: NONE**

11. **IN CAMERA:**

11.1 **Minutes – January 8, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the In Camera minutes of January 8, 2015 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Information Report – Current and Potential Municipal Initiatives to Support Affordable Housing**

The following was before the Committee:

- An information report dated February 4, 2014 from the Municipal Clerk.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the staff report, dated November 27, 2014 (submitted to the January 8, 2015 CP & ED meeting) on Current and Potential Municipal Initiatives to Support Affordable Housing to Regional Council be forwarded to Regional Council for information . MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 26, 2015**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant