



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 15, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin, Vice-Chair
Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Lindell Smith

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Ms. Jane Fraser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

- **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Election of Chair

Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant, opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVE by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Councillor Mason be nominated as Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. MacSween called three times for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

Councillor Mason was elected as Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

Vice-Chair

Councillor Mason opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated as Vice Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason called for further nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations.

Councillor Austin was elected as Vice-Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 15, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of September 15, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Councillor Hendsbee requested that Information Item No. 3 Memorandum from the Director of Planning & Development dated July 20, 2016 re: Update on Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan be brought forward for discussion at the next meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**
- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**
- 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**
 - 10.1.1 Correspondence from Sara Napier, President & CEO, United Way**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee receive the correspondence August 23, 2016 and forward to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 10.2 Petitions – NONE**
- 10.3 Presentation**
 - 10.3.1 John Boileau, Halifax Military Heritage Preservation Society**

Mr. John Boileau & Mr. David Gough of the Halifax Military Heritage Preservation Society provided a presentation to the committee on the Halifax Heritage Preservation Society, its mandate and initiatives to showcase the military history of Halifax to residents and tourists.

Deputy Mayor Craig joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Councillor Mason thanked Mr. Boileau and Mr. Gough for their presentation and requested questions of clarification from members of the committee.

In response to a follow up question, Mr. Boileau advised that the Historical Preservation Society will be publishing a future paper on the Number Two Construction Battalion as well as the Jamaican Maroons role in building Citadel Hill.

- 10.3.2 Gerry Post, Spring Garden 2018**

Mr. Jerry Post of Rock and Roll and Ms. Jaunita Spencer of the Downtown Spring Garden Road Business Association provided a presentation and recommendations ahead of the proposed Spring Garden Road

Streetscaping project. Councillor Mason thanked Mr. Post and Ms. Spencer for their presentation and requested questions of clarification from members of the committee:

In response to questions of clarification from the committee, Ms. Spencer noted the following:

- The Spring Garden 2018 group is comprised of an informal coalition of business owners and residents.
- The proposed moving the bus stops will assist in the efficient and effective flow of pedestrian traffic on Spring Garden Road.
- The Downtown Spring Garden Road Business Association membership should be consulted prior to construction plans, phasing or timelines of the project.
- Sandwich boards are hindrance by many Business Association members. The Business association will work with all members to come up with a solution.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Councillor Appointments to the Community Design Advisory Committee & Executive Standing Committee

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff memorandum dated December 15, 2016*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee:

- 1. Nominate Councillor Mason from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee membership to the Community Design Advisory Committee for a term to November, 2018.**
- 2. Nominate Councillor Mason Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee membership to the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November, 2018**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Councillor Nominations to Destination Halifax & Halifax Partnership Boards

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff memorandum dated December 15, 2016*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee:

- 1. Nominate Councillor Blackburn for a term to November, 2018 to Destination Halifax Board**
- 2. Nominate Councillors Nicoll and Mancini for a term to November, 2018 to Halifax Partnership Board**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 North Preston Recreation Field

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated November 28, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CPED) recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

- 1. Develop a detailed site plan and other supporting analysis for non-regulation sized recreation field at 857 Upper Governor Street, North Preston;**
- 2. Negotiate a long-term lease or purchase with Halifax Water; and**
- 3. Include funding for construction of a non-regulation sized recreation field in the 2017/18 capital budget for prioritization with all other capital items for Council's consideration**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Approval of Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the committee:

- *The proposed 2017 meeting schedule*

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2017 meeting schedule as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.5 Review of Report Requests

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated November 25, 2016*

MOVED by Hendsbee, seconded by Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee maintain the attached list of report requests, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 25, 2016 and request that the CPED motion of November 13, 2014 in relation to Item No. 10.2 - Committee Terms of Reference be included on the list

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.6 Permanent Encroachments for the Purpose of Facilitating Accessibility

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated November 8, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee recommend to Regional Council that staff be directed to draft amendments to By-Law E-200, the Encroachment By-law, for Regional Council's consideration, to allow for the waiver of any or all encroachment fees for the portion of a new encroachment which is constructed to facilitate barrier free access to an existing residential or commercial property, or where an existing encroachment is being enlarged or modified to facilitate barrier free access to either residential or commercial properties.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Gordon Hammond, of Clam Bay noted that he represents an ad-hoc committee of community museums within the HRM and noted the importance of an operating assistance program provided by the municipality to assist with funding these organizations. Mr. Hammond provided commentary on his vision of an equitable assistance program for community museums and requested that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request that HRM staff meet with community museum operators to help formulate a program.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 19, 2016

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant