



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 26, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage, Chair
Deputy Mayor Sam Austin, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Paul Russell

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Karen Brown, Acting Executive Director of Legal & Legislative
Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 24, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of April 24, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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 – None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2023-001-GOV – Respecting Public Appointments to Committees of Council and External Boards

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 20, 2023
- Staff presentation dated June 26, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt Proposed Administrative Order 2023-001-GOV – Respecting Public Appointments to Committees of Council and External Boards as set out at Attachment 1 of the staff report dated June 20, 2023, which includes the repeal of the 2011 Public Appointment Policy.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk and April Doucette, Public Appointments Coordinator, Municipal Clerk's Office gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Municipal Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to implement an 18-month pilot program to offer sign language interpreter services, as well as to include more technology specifically designed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing within recreation programs.

Cassady Yochoff, Inclusion and Accessibility Specialist, Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Communication Strategies for By-Law M-200

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Youth Advisory Committee report dated June 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Austin

THAT the Executive Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report, in consultation with the Youth Advisory Committee, on developing a communications strategy on By-Law M200, *Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies*, and other housing related guidelines targeted to youth, first time renters and newcomers.

Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation and Cyril O'Brien, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.2 Youth Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Youth Advisory Committee report dated June 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the Youth Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan as set out in Attachment 1 of the report dated June 15, 2023.

Becca Bishop, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation and Cyril O'Brien, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated April 24, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated April 24, 2023; and;**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated April 24, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss 14.2 PERSONNEL MATTER and Item 14.3 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 20, 2023, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as amended during the In Camera meeting of June 26, 2023; and;**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 20, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential report

No action was taken.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public participation. Mayor Savage noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 28, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant