



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 22, 2024**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Paul Russell

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage, Chair

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Catie Campbell, 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 10:02 a.m., and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:16 a.m. The Standing Committee reconvened at 11:22 a.m. and adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 – March 25, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the minutes of March 25, 2024 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 Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 13.2.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.1.1 2024 Work Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 15, 2024 with attached staff memorandum dated February 15, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Executive Standing Committee review and approve the Youth Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan as amended.

Adam Huffman, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.2.1 Community Benefits Agreements in African Nova Scotian Communities

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- African Descent Advisory Committee report dated March 21, 2024
- Correspondence from Councillor Lindell Smith

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Executive Standing Committee request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the motion be amended to add 'request that Regional Council'.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT TO PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

THAT the Executive Standing Committee request that Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

Councillor Hendsbee proposed that the letter be directed to the Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

THAT the Executive Standing Committee request that Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

13.3 WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.3.1 Request for Leave of Absence

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Women's Advisory Committee report dated April 4, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Executive Standing Committee grant Councillor Becky Kent a leave of absence from Women's Advisory Committee meetings until April 30, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated April 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated April 11, 2024 and;**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated April 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated April 16, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated April 16, 2024 and;**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated April 16, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.3 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.3 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 April 22, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated April 22, 2024 and;**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated April 22, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 27, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant