



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 16, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Patty Cuttell, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor
Simon Ross-Siegel, 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 10:10 a.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 – February 15, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of February 15, 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 Outhit, seconded by Councillor Smith

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 10.3.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Establishing New Roots: The Mission and Vision of the North End Halifax Community Land Trust

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated December 6, 2023
- Presentation dated May 16, 2024

Treno Morton, Community Engagement Coordinator and urban planning student, and Houssam Elokda, Urban Planner and Managing Principal at Happy Cities gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Community and Economic Development Standing Committee refer the presentation to staff and request that a staff report responding to the presentation be sent to Halifax Regional Council for consideration.

Ross Grant, Planner III responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Spryfield Lions Club Proposal for Community Space in the Planned Spryfield Rink and Recreation Centre

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated April 15, 2024
- Correspondence from David Buffett

Joe Cooper and David Buffett, representatives of the Spryfield Lions Club gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report responding to the presentation.

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tyler Morton, Halifax spoke about their experiences of becoming a displaced person. Morton expressed how as a young person, they identified with stories of persons displaced from Africville. Morton expressed concerns related to gentrification and future displacements of historically black communities in HRM.

Travon Clayton, board member of Halifax North End Community Land Trust and a resident of Halifax expressed concerns related to gentrification and future displacements of historically black communities in HRM. Clayton expressed the importance of communicating the history of communities in which people of color inhabited and made historic contributions. Clayton spoke to a forthcoming index launch composing relevant community statistics.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Supplemental Report on Ball Diamonds

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Supplementary staff report dated April 8, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue with the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Playing Field Strategy as they relate to ball diamonds.

Doug Murphy, Manager of Sport & Scheduling responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 18, 2024

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of January 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 20, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant