



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 27, 2024**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Kathryn Morse

**STAFF:** Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer  
Karen MacDonald, Acting 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.*

*The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are  
online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:16 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 22, 2024**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the minutes of April 22, 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 Cuttell

**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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Peter Spruin, Fall River** spoke to Case 21460 – Residential Development Opportunity Site C, south of Ingram Drive and west of Highway 102 and the negative consequences the development would have on the community. Spruin highlighted the amendments to Bill 329, *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, and concerns with lack of community engagement, transparency in decision making, challenges with the Special Planning Area designation, concerns with high density in rural areas and lack of compliance with the Halifax Regional Municipality planning process. Spruin encouraged further consultation with the community and alternative action for denying the proposed development.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**13. REPORTS**

**13.1 STAFF**

**13.1.1 Halifax Regional Municipality Emergency Management Program Document Review**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 2, 2024
- Staff presentation dated May 27, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Accept the recommendations in the attached staff report dated May 2, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to implement the recommendations in the report dated May 2, 2024.**

Bill Moore, Executive Director of Community Safety and Larry Jones, Manager of Operations, KI Emergency Management gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding benefits of documentation, collaboration with local community volunteers and resourcing requirements for implementation.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding options to mitigate risks, collaboration with the Province and continuity of government.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the motion be amended to add:**

- 3. Direct the CAO to report on status of implementation of report's recommendations twice yearly to Executive Standing committee.**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Accept the recommendations in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 2, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to implement the recommendations in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 2, 2024; and**
- 3. Direct the CAO to report on status of implementation of report's recommendations twice yearly to Executive Standing committee.**

O'Toole and Moore responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding collaboration with the Nova Scotia Guard and volunteer firefighters.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.1.2 By-Law M200, *Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies* – Communications Strategy – Youth Advisory Committee**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council endorse the communication strategy outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated March 11, 2024.**

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding measuring success, the multi-lingual strategy and the Youth Advisory Committee's future work.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. MOTIONS – NONE**

**15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – March 25 and April 22, 2024**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of March 25 and April 22, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT the Executive Standing Committee:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated May 7, 2024 and;**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated May 7, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 17, 2024**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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Catie Campbell  
Legislative Assistant**