



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
July 18, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Patty Cuttell, Chair  
Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lindell Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Russell

**STAFF:** Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation  
Elise Martino, Solicitor  
Simon Ross-Siegel, 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 11:03 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 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 – June 20, 2024**

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the minutes of June 20, 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

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Purdy requested that Items 11, 12, 13.1.1, 13.1.2, 13.1.3 be considered prior to item 10.3.1.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

**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**

**10.3.1 Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre Proposal for George Street Property Acquisition**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated July 2, 2024
- Presentation dated July 18, 2024

Pam Glode-Desrochers, Executive Director of the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre and Cody Parker, VP of Operations, Wolves Lacrosse Association gave a presentation. Glode-Desrochers, Parker and Steve Brown, President Wolves Lacrosse Association responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to evaluate and provide options in response to the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre request related to 2A George Street, Sackville.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **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 STAFF**

#### **13.1.1 Update – People, Planet, Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 7, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated June 7, 2024 to Halifax Regional Council for information.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **13.1.2 Skilled Talent Recruitment and Retention Strategy Pilot Program**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 8, 2024
- Presentation dated July 18, 2024

Wendy Luther, President & CEO, Halifax Partnership and Robyn Webb, Director, Labour Market Development & Executive Director, National Connector Program, Halifax Partnership gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee forward the staff report dated July 8, 2024 to Regional Council for information.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **13.1.3 Supporting the Hubbards Community Plan**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 9, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:**

- 1. Consider the proposed active transportation facilities in the Hubbards Community Plan when:
  - a. implementing the Rural Active Transportation Program, and**
  - b. identifying potential projects in the multi-year Capital Plan; and****
- 2. Review and consider the Hubbards Community Plan recommendations pertaining to land use and development when scoping and undertaking the future Rural Community Planning program.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. MOTIONS – NONE**

**15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

**16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 15, 2024**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant