



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 19, 2024**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

STAFF: Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
William Hatfield, 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 10:05 a.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 – July 18, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of July 18, 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 Blackburn requested that Item 13.1.1 Integrated Tourism Master Plan 2030 be considered prior to item 10.3.1 RadStorm Community Arts Space Venue Acquisition.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 10.3.1, 10.3.2 and 13.1.1.

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

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Legislative Assistant

The Legislative Assistant submitted a petition from Nicole Scott regarding a proposed development of a 14-Storey apartment complex at 117 Kearney Lake Road with approximately 200 signatures requesting the proposal be rejected.

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 RadStorm Community Arts Space Venue Acquisition

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated August 2, 2024
- Presentation dated September 19, 2024
- Correspondence from Capp Larsen

Capp Larsen and Lucas Goudie, representatives of RadStorm Community Arts Space gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee. Goudie provided information regarding RadStorm's engagement with other grant providers including Provincial grant providers and the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to consider a \$100,000 financial consideration to RadStorm for the purchase of their building.

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee. MacDonald noted that considerations to reduce or eliminate property taxes for the Community Arts Space could be addressed in a future staff report following the acquisition of the building.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Increasing Access to Affordable Housing in Rural Communities

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated August 26, 2024
- Presentation dated September 19, 2024
- Correspondence from Laurie Cook

Laurie Cook, PhD Candidate, Educational Studies presenting research for Housing Innovation Co-operative gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Integrated Tourism Master Plan 2030

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated August 28, 2024
- Presentation dated September 19, 2024
- Correspondence from Ross Jefferson

Ross Jefferson, President and CEO of Discover Halifax gave a presentation and 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 forward the staff report dated August 28, 2024 to Regional Council for information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Framework for Major Events

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 23, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommended that Halifax Regional Council request the CAO work with Discover Halifax to develop a major event policy framework.

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 – October 10, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant