



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 12, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Janet Steele, Vice Chair
Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Jean St-Amand

REGRETS: Councillor Deagle Gammon, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Kathryn Morse

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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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Standing Committee agreed to begin the meeting with Councillor Cuttell acting as Chair.

Councillor Cuttell, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Deagle Gammon be nominated Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Deagle Gammon was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Deagle Gammon be appointed Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Deagle Gammon was declared the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT Councillor Steele be nominated Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Steele was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT Councillor Steele be appointed Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Steele was declared the Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

Councillor Steele assumed the Chair in the absence of Councillor Deagle Gammon.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the minutes of September 19, 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 Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor St-Amand requested that Item 13.1.3 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment to Executive Standing Committee be considered prior to Item 13.1.2 Addressing Castle Hill Pickleball Court Noise.

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 Presentations

10.3.1 University of King’s College Southeast Corner Project Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated September 23, 2024
- Presentation dated December 12, 2024

William Lahey, President of the University of King’s College and Martin Davidson, Principal of Diamond Schmitt Architects gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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 Park Lighting Strategy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated August 28, 2024

Stephen Cushing, Landscape Architect gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the Park Lighting Strategy as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated August 28, 2024, as a guiding document for the planning of pathway, facility, and placemaking lighting, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the identification and prioritization of the lighting of such features into future budgets and business plans.

Cushing and Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Addressing Castle Hill Pickleball Court Noise

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated September 20, 2024

Mark Inness, Community Planner gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

1. **Remove the pickleball court markings and nets from the courts at Castle Hill Park; and**
2. **Include funding within the proposed 2025/26 Capital Budget for the design of pickleball courts within Mainland Common as outlined within the staff report dated September 20, 2024.**

Inness, Adam Cornick, Superintendent of Parks West, and Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

As set out in section 34 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was required to extend the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee extend the time of the meeting past 12:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cutell

THAT the motion be amended to add part 3. to ‘direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review other sites as replacements to the Castle Hill Park court, with measures that may include sound barriers, for the 2025/26 Budget year.’

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

- 1. Remove the pickleball court markings and nets from the courts at Castle Hill Park;**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

- 2. Include funding within the proposed 2025/26 Capital Budget for the design of pickleball courts within Mainland Common as outlined within the staff report dated September 20, 2024; and**

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

- 3. Review other sites as replacements to the Castle Hill Park court, with measures that may include sound barriers, for the 2025/26 Budget year.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.3 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment to Executive Standing Committee

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated December 12, 2024

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee appoint one (1) Councillor from the members of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillor Cutell to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee nominate Councillor Kent to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations; there were none.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect one member to serve on the Executive Standing Committee. Councillor Cuttall was declared the successful nominee.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee appoint Councillor Cuttall to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.4 Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated December 12, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee approve the proposed 2025 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

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 – January 16, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant