



**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
April 17, 2025**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Kathryn Morse  
Councillor Laura White

**STAFF:** Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation  
William Hatfield, Solicitor  
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 – March 20, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

**THAT the minutes of March 20, 2025 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 St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Steele

**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 13.1.1

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

### **10.2 Petitions – None**

### **10.3 Presentation**

#### **10.3.1 Nova Scotia Heritage Trust Proposal for Strengthening Built Heritage Protection**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated November 5, 2024
- Presentation dated April 17, 2025

Andrea Arbic, President of Nova Scotia Heritage Trust and Emma Lang, Executive Director of Nova Scotia Heritage Trust gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an information report on action that can be undertaken to further support built heritage.**

Councillor Morse proposed including a request to provide specific options to request changes in provincial legislation regarding heritage protection. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an information report on actions, current and future, that can be undertaken to further support built heritage including specific options to request changes in provincial legislation regarding heritage protection.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **10.3.2 Halifax West Mainland Common Park Trailhead Planning and Design Recommendations**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated March 4, 2025
- Presentation dated April 17, 2025

Jessica Boyd, Chair of the Halifax North West Trails Association and Tony Cranford, Maintenance Lead for the Halifax North West Trails Association 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 Integrated Tourism Master Plan 2023 Status Update**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 20, 2025
- Staff presentation dated April 17, 2025

Ross Jefferson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Discover Halifax gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee:**

- 1. Receive the staff report dated March 20, 2025 for information and receive a presentation from Discover Halifax regarding the Integrated Tourism Master Plan; and,**

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**2. Forward the staff report dated March 20, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council for information.**

Jefferson and Brian White, Vice President of Destination Development responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**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 – May 15, 2025**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant