



Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes

March 12, 2026

Present: Vicki Elliott, Micah Richardson, Kristin O'Toole Scott, Erin MacIntyre, Peter Duncan, Dawn Sutherland, Brandon Umpherville, Peter Nightingale, Tanya Davis, Gary Rafuse (for Mark Peachey).

Guests: Thea Langille, Melissa Eavis, Jacqueline Hamilton

Regrets: Mark Peachey

Agenda Items:

1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1. Welcome & Call to Order

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was circulated electronically prior to the meeting. No amendments were made.

Motion: Micah Richardson

Second: Peter Duncan

Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott

VOTE: Aye (4) Nay () Abstain ()

Next steps: Agenda for March 12, 2026 to be posted on the Executive Panel website.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for February 12, 2026 were circulated electronically prior to the meeting. No amendments were made.

Motion: Erin MacIntyre

Second: Kristin O'Toole Scott

Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott

VOTE: Aye (4) Nay () Abstain ()

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2. Bill 212 Discussion

- The Chair provided an overview of Bill 212, introduced during the current Provincial legislative session, and highlighted opportunities for the Executive Panel, HRM, and Halifax Water.



- Panel members discussed the opportunities presented by the legislation and noted that further clarity will be established through the development of regulations, following Royal Assent. There was general alignment on the importance of ongoing collaboration as the framework is developed and implemented.

3. Special Planning Area Critical Paths

- Panel members discussed the value of a “critical path” tracking approach to support coordinated project delivery by identifying and monitoring key milestones, dependencies, and timelines within Special Planning areas. There was agreement on the importance of continued collaboration between HRM and the Province to ensure accurate, current, and consistent information throughout the lifecycle of Special Planning Areas across all partners.

Vicki Elliott stepped out of the meeting and Erin MacIntyre took over as Chair at 1:35pm.

4. Roundtable

- The Panel discussed various development issues.

5. Next Meeting

- Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2026 to be cancelled.
- Next meeting: April 9, 2026

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned: 2:16 p.m.