



## Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes

April 9, 2026

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

**Guests:** Jacqueline Hamilton, Thea Langille, Nalini Naidoo, Ben Sivak, Melissa Eavis, Meghan Woszyzynski, Jen Richardson

**Regrets:** Mark Peachey, Tanya Davis

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. PRELIMINARIES

##### 1.1. Welcome & Call to Order

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

##### 1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

**Motion:** Peter Duncan

**Second:** Micah Richardson

**Carried:** Chair, Vicki Elliott

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

**Next steps:** Agenda for April 9, 2026 to be posted on the Executive Panel website.

##### 1.3 Approval of Minutes

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

**Motion:** Kristin O'Toole Scott

**Second:** Erin MacIntyre

**Carried:** Chair, Vicki Elliott

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

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

#### 2. FSC Presentation

- HRM and Halifax Water staff gave a presentation outlining the municipal position on how secondary planning in the Westphal and Morris Lake East Special Planning Areas should proceed.



- Panel members asked questions about the recommended approach, opportunities for early phasing, and long-range infrastructure planning.
- The Panel requested additional information about some aspects of the memorandum. HRM agreed to provide additional background information relevant to the discussion at a future meeting.

#### **4. Special Planning Area Progress and Delivery Check-ins**

- The Chair suggested setting up regular check-in meetings with property owners in Special Planning Areas to get updates on the progress of development, and to understand developers' workplans for next steps. There was consensus on the idea, and the Secretariat will start scheduling meetings.

#### **3. Special Planning Area Updates**

- HRM staff gave progress updates on several Special Planning Area applications.

#### **5. Roundtable**

- The Panel discussed various development issues.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

- Next meeting: April 23, 2026

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned: 2:32 p.m.