



Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes

July 30, 2026

Present: Vicki Elliott, Micah Richardson, Kristin O'Toole Scott, Brandon Umpherville, Peter Nightingale, Kenda MacKenzie, Dawn Sutherland, Gary Rafuse (for Mark Peachey).

Regrets: Erin MacIntyre, Peter Duncan, Mark Peachey, Tanya Davis, Matt Neville.

Guests: Christa Korens, Jacqueline Hamilton, Thea Langille, Nalini Naidoo, Chris Markides, Dillon McKenna

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. Item 2.2 was scheduled for 1:30 presentation.

Motion: Kristin O'Toole Scott

Second: Micah Richardson

Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott

VOTE: *Aye (2) Nay () Abstain ()*

Next steps: Agenda for July 30, 2026 to be posted on the Executive Panel website.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes was deferred, due to HRM Panel members being absent.

2. SPECIAL PLANNING AREA UPDATES

2.1. Sandy Lake

- Received an update on the status of the Sandy Lake application.
- Discussed process and expected timeline for bringing an application to the Panel.

2.3. Fall River Site C

- Received an update on the HRM Subdivision application status, and on progress to date.

2.2. Fall River Site B

- Chris Markides and Dillon McKenna from Zzap Consulting gave a presentation on the status of the Site B Planning application.
- An overview was given of public engagement to date.

3. Halifax Water Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update

- Halifax Water gave a presentation on the IRP progress.
- Discussed the approval process and timelines for the IRP



- Discussed how the IRP affects current and upcoming development proposals

4. ROUNDTABLE

- The Panel discussed various development matters, including project-specific and broader process-related issues, with a focus on removing barriers, improving timelines, and identifying opportunities for more efficient review and progression.

5. NEXT MEETING

- The scheduled meeting of August 13, 2026 was re-scheduled to August 20, 2026.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned: 3:32 p.m.