
**Executive Panel on Housing in HRM
MINUTES
January 19, 2023**

Present: Fred Crooks, Vicki Elliott-Lopez; Jarrod Baboushkin, Kelly Denty, Peter Duncan, Kathy Cox-Brown, and Christina Lovitt.

1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1. Welcome & Call to Order

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm

1.2. Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2022

- Approval of the November 10, 2022, minutes were deferred to the next meeting.
- The November 10th Minutes will be circulated to prior Panel members for comments.

2. PORT WALLACE PLANNING AREA

2.1. Presentation

Ben Sivak, Manager of Planned Growth at the Halifax Regional Municipality which included:

- HRM Staff assessment
- Proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy, Municipal Planning Strategy for Dartmouth and Cole Harbour/Westphal and the Dartmouth and Cole Harbour/Westphal Land Use By-laws
- Port Wallace Proposed Development Agreement
- Municipal Costs and Commitments
- Provincial Costs and Commitments
- Community Engagement Approach and Comments with main concern on traffic impacts.

2.2. Panel Discussion

- Contribution Capital Cost (CCC) process,
- Public engagement concerns and how concerns resulted in changes in the development agreement and/or amendments,
- Environmental Protection (discussion of the expansion of the watercourse buffer for Barry Run),
- The phasing approach HRM is taking to advance phases (unit sizes) as transportation requirements are met,

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- Municipal costs related to CCC, future parkland improvements, transportation, potential land acquisition and long-term maintenance costs of roads, parks, and trails; and
 - Provincial costs related to Twinning highway, Highway access and potential acquisition of land for schools.

2.3. Motion on Proposed Amendments

- The Panel recommends the approval of the amendments to the Regional as set out in HRM Staff Memo Attachment “A”, “B” and “C” dated December 15, 2022.

Motion: Peter Duncan
Second: Kelly Denty
Carried: Chair, Fred Crooks

VOTE: Aye (5) Nay (0) Abstain (0)

2.4. Motion on Proposed Development Agreement

- The Panel recommends the approval of the Port Wallace agreement as set out in the HRM Staff Memo Attachment “D” dated December 15, 2022, or in a substantially similar form.

Motion: Vicki Elliott-Lopez
Second: Peter Duncan
Carried: Chair, Fred Crooks

VOTE: Aye (5) Nay (0) Abstain (0)

Break at 1:00 pm to attend Turner and Drake presentation, meeting readjourned at 2:03 pm

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE: *Review and discussion*

- Draft terms of reference circulated prior.
- Panel members to forward notes.
- Next meeting will discuss draft

4. ADJOURNMENT

- Next Meeting February 23, 2023
- Meeting Adjourned 2:26 pm