



## Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes

June 1, 2023

**Present:**

Fred Crooks, Jarrod Baboushkin, Kelly Denty, Peter Duncan, Leanne Hachey, Kathy Cox-Brown, and Sacha Rutledge.

**Regrets:** Vicki Elliott-Lopez, Christina Lovitt, and Paula Sibley-Fox

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Welcome & Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 It was noted that minutes were circulated electronically for feedback. The April 20, 2003, minutes were approved.

Motion: Jarrod Baboushkin

Second: Peter Duncan

VOTE: Aye (4) Nay (0) Abstain (0)

2.2 Next steps -April 20, 2023, minutes will be posted on the Executive Panel Website.

#### 3. Special Planning Areas

3.1. Presentation by Ben Sivak, Manager of Planned Growth at the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) on the status of ongoing studies which included:

- Background on the studies,
- Project overview
- General update
- Update on Sandy Lake, Akoma Lands, Morris Lake Expansion and Hwy 102 Corridor studies,
- Next steps

Highlights of the presentation and Panel's discussions:

- The studies are compiling information regarding environment, transportation infrastructure; and water and wastewater services infrastructure for four areas.
- The four areas subject to the studies are: Sandy Lake, Highway 102 West Corridor, Morris Lake, and Akoma.



- The studies will identify lands that are constrained, partially constrained, or not constrained for development, including:
  - Watercourse and Wetlands
  - Forest
  - Species at Risk
  - Landscape Connectivity
  - Surficial and Bedrock Geology
  - Steep Slopes
  - Contaminated Sites, and
  - Cultural Significance
- Targeted completion for Sandy Lake is Fall 2023.
- Targeted completion for the other three areas is March 2024.
- The Panel acknowledged the importance of these studies and offered any support required to ensure work completed in a thorough and timely fashion.

### **3.2 Special Planning Area: Bedford West 12 & 1-**

- Proceeding with an interim development agreement for Bedford West 12 & 1 Special Planning Area was discussed.
- Next steps: An estimated timeline for a development agreement for Bedford West 12 & 1 will be provided at the next meeting.

### **3.3 Special Planning Area: Dartmouth Crossing –**

- The status of the work on Dartmouth Crossing Special Planning Area was discussed.
- Next steps: Jarrod Baboushkin will arrange discussions with representatives from HRM Engineering and the developer to determine a path forward.

### **4. Round Table Updates:**

- Working progressing on the development of a Trusted Partner Program.

### **5. Future Meetings**

5.1 June 15, 2023 – Kate Green from HRM– Updates on the Regional Plan and Housing Accelerator Fund application.

5.2 June 29, 2023 – Dept EECD, HRCE – Update on Capital/Infrastructure Planning

### **6. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned 2:06 pm