



Planning Advisory Committee Executive Committee Extension

October 23, 2025

An extension meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee was held on the above date in Council Chambers. The meeting was livestreamed and recorded.

Councillor Mitchell, as Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All members of Council were present, with the exception of Councillor Perry who arrived at 7:09 pm and Warden Roulston who arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Staff Present:

- Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
- Mr. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance
- Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
- Mr. Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations
- Mr. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
- Ms. Debbie Uloth, Community Planner II
- Ms. Rachel Gilbert, Manager of Planning
- Ms. Lee-Ann Martin, Development Officer/Planner
- Ms. Lindsay Cochrane, Communications Coordinator
- Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
- Ms. Erin MacIsaac, Legislative & HR Administrator
- Mr. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Services

Public Members:

- Ms. Pamela Harvie
- Mr. Sam Balcom

HOUSING STRATEGY - FINAL REPORT

The Director of Planning & Development advised that in order to proceed, it was noted that the tabled Motion PAC25(86) was required to be lifted.

PAC25(117) On the motion of Councillors Merriam and Dixon:
October

Moved that the tabled motion PAC25(86) be lifted from the table (for further discussion).

The Committee unanimously agreed.

For clarification, Motion PAC25(86) is as follows:

That the Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Council approves the East Hants Housing Strategy, striking the item regarding five (5) mini-homes in the RU Zone from the Strategy.

The Director of Planning & Development and Planning Team presented a report and presentation titled “East Hants Housing Strategy” dated July 3, 2025. The report was attached to the agenda and available to all committee members.

Discussion was held and questions were addressed.

PAC25(118) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Merriam:
October

Moved (later amended) that the Planning Advisory Committee add an initiative to attract senior living facilities to include assisted living and a la carte care facilities to the Municipal Housing Strategy.

Further discussion ensued.

PAC25(119) On the motion Councillor Rhyno and Public Member Balcom:
October

Moved to amend motion PAC25(118) to include all provincial housing authorities and more buildings in housing spots in rural areas of East Hants

Discussion continued.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

For further clarification motion PAC25(118) is as follows:

Moved that the Planning Advisory Committee add an initiative to attract senior living facilities to include assisted living, a la carte facilities, all provincial housing authorities and more buildings in housing spots in rural areas of East Hants to the Municipal Housing Strategy.

Discussion continued.

PAC25(120) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Rhyno:
October

Moved to strike Action Item 10 from the East Hants Municipal Housing Strategy

Discussion ensued and questions were addressed by staff.

MOTION CARRIED

Eight (8) in favour and five (5) against, with Deputy Warden MacPhee, Councillors Mitchell, Moussa, Perry, Tingley voting nay.

Discussion ensued on the report.

PAC25(121) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Rhyno:
October

Moved to amend the document to include some investigation and report into some rudimentary strategies around homelessness in the upcoming planning review.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion continued.

PAC25(122) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Tingley:
October

Moved that the Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Council approves the East Hants Housing Strategy with the amendments made around the five mini homes in the RU2 Zone and those amendments made at the meeting this evening.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

PAC25(123) *The Planning Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.*
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MOTION CARRIED

Approved By: John Woodford, Director of Planning and Development
Date:

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