



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
May 2, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Kathryn Morse
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Pam Lovelace

STAFF: John MacPherson, Executive Director, Fleet, Property and Environment
Josh Judah, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 7, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of March 7, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Matt Stickland – Green Network Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated April 2, 2024

Matt Stickland spoke to the importance of the inclusion of the Green Network Plan in the 2025/26 budget cycle considerations and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Enforcement Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 3, 2024
- Staff presentation dated May 2, 2024

Shannon Betts, Director, Solid Waste gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend the Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law S-613, amending By-law S-600, *the Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-Law*, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated April 3, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Corporate Renewable Energy Purchase Options

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 26, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the CAO to enter into negotiations with both Roswall and the Green Choice Program administrators to purchase renewable electricity for corporate consumption from either/or both parties as deemed most suitable to the Municipality; and**
- 2. Award and execute an Alternative Procurement agreement for the provision of renewable electricity with one or both suppliers, subject to terms and conditions agreeable to HRM and approved by Legal Services.**

Kevin Boutilier, Manager, Clean Energy responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.3 Proposed Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 29, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing urging for the adoption of the Proposed Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations as described in the staff report dated April 29, 2024.

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Shannon Miedema, Director Environment & Climate Change, Dawson Patterson, Supervisor, Building Standards and Kevin Boutilier, Manager, Clean Energy responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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14. MOTIONS - NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 13, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant