



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 1, 2024**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Iona Stoddard

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

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. and the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 – June 13, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the minutes of June 13, 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 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Austin

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 Lacey Sutherland – LungNSPEI

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated June 10, 2024
- Handout dated August 1, 2024
- Presentation dated August 1, 2024

Lacey Sutherland, LungNSPEI gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet and Environment responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Jess Lewis – Bird Friendly Halifax

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated June 19, 2024
- Presentation dated August 1, 2024

Jess Lewis, Nature Nova Scotia and Dr. Amy Mui, Dalhousie University gave a presentation on the organizations various bird-friendly initiatives including bird-friendly tree and shrub planting, window strike solutions, improved lighting strategies and bird-friendly building designs. They spoke to the Committee on the importance of Halifax being a more bird-friendly city. Lewis and Mui responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet and Environment responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on recommendations for voluntary and mandatory bird-friendly design standards for new and existing buildings, including a jurisdictional scan examining bird-friendly design standards from other Canadian municipalities and cities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Existing and Planned Measures for Coastal Management

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 14, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the staff report dated June 14, 2024 to Regional Council as an Information Report.

Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment and Climate Change responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Municipal Watershed Management Framework

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 29, 2024
- Staff presentation dated August 1, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

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

- 1. Endorse the draft Framework for Integrated Watershed Management as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 29, 2024;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to implement the steps outlined in the Framework for Integrated Watershed Management in the Dartmouth Lakes watershed and return to Council with a completed watershed management plan for approval; and**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to implement the steps outlined in the Framework for Integrated Watershed Management in the Nine Mile River watershed and return to Council with a completed watershed management plan for approval.**

Elizabeth Montgomery, Environmental Professional gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 5, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant