



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 3, 2024**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Pam Lovelace

STAFF: Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment & Climate Change
David Greener, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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 1:33 p.m. and the Standing Committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 – August 1, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of August 1, 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 Morse

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 Presentation

10.3.1 Shalom Mandaville - Experimental beach reclamation utilizing scallop shells enclosed in porous bags

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated July 24, 2024
- Presentation dated October 3, 2024
- Handout dated October 3, 2024

Shalom Mandaville, Soil and Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Cascadden, District 13 spoke on the degradation of organic matter and potent greenhouse gas emission at the Otter Lake Landfill and its contribution to climate change. Cascadden suggested the implementation of an emerging waste processing technology that was based on plasma gasification, which eliminates organic and polymer material being buried in a landfill.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 HalifACT 2023/24 Annual Progress Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated August 29, 2024
- Staff presentation dated October 3, 2024

Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment & Climate Change gave a presentation.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the HalifACT 2023/24 Annual Progress Report to Halifax Regional Council for information, discussion, and a presentation.

Miedema and Kevin Boutillier, Manager, Clean Energy responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 LakeWatchers Water Quality Monitoring Program Report 2022-2023

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 22, 2024
- Staff presentation dated October 3, 2024

Christopher Kennedy, Water Quality Program Coordinator gave a presentation.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Morse

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

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a review of the Municipality's current Salt Management Plan guided by the Syntheses of Best Practices Road Salt Management.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to investigate policy options for setbacks for new stormwater discharge locations into natural waterbodies and consider options for naturalization and/or Low Impact Development (LID) features at existing stormwater discharge locations around priority lakes.**
- 3. Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia's Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Halifax Regional Water Commission, supporting and encouraging the timely development of provincial stormwater quality standards.**

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

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

As set out in section 34 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was required to extend the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee extend the time of the meeting past 3:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Morse

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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 – December 5, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant