



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
April 3, 2025**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Janet Steele
Councillor Nancy Hartling

REGRETS: Councillor Sam Austin

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Kathryn Morse

STAFF: Jacqueline Hamilton, Executive Director, Planning & Development
Elise Martino, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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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.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 6, 2025

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the minutes of March 6, 2025 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 Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

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

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 10.3.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Dr. Catherine Brown and Dr. Jennifer MacLellan – Why Public Health and Partners Recommend Community Water Fluoridation

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated March 10, 2025
- Correspondence from Tara Ibrahim, Diane Murray
- Presentation dated April 3, 2025

Dr. Catherine Brown, Nova Scotia Health and Dr. Jennifer MacLellan, Nova Scotia Dental Association gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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10.3.2 Karen McKendry – Conservation of the Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated December 11, 2024
- Presentation dated April 3, 2025

Karen McKendry, Ecology Action Centre gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.3 Jillian Ramsay – Hike the Greenbelt 2024

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated December 10, 2024
- Presentation dated April 3, 2025

Jillian Ramsay, Ecology Action Centre gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Jacqueline Hamilton, Executive Director, Planning & Development responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Melanie Jones, spoke on the extension of Sandy Lake and the risks associated with the fluoridation of drinking water.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS – NONE

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 1, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant