



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 7, 2023**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Trish Purdy

STAFF: John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet and Environment  
Elise Martino, Solicitor  
Catie Campbell, 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](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 3:16 p.m.*

## **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.

### **1.1. Annual Election of Chair**

Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT Councillor Mancini be nominated Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

Councillor Mancini was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT Councillor Mancini be appointed Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Mancini was declared the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor Mancini assumed the Chair.

### **1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair**

Councillor Mancini for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon be nominated Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be appointed Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Standing Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon was declared the Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 7, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the minutes of September 7, 2023 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**

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 Planetary Technologies**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated August 10, 2023
- Correspondence from Pete Chargin
- Presentation dated December 7, 2023

Dr. Katja Fennel and Dr. Will Burt gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**10.3.2 Sackville Rivers**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated August 22, 2023
- Presentation dated December 7, 2023

Ann Angelidis, President, Sackville Rivers and Damon Conrad, Coordinator, Sackville Rivers gave a presentation 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 HalifACT Annual Progress Report: 2022-23**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 30, 2023
- Staff presentation dated December 7, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the HalifACT Annual Progress Report: 2022-2023 to Halifax Regional Council for information, discussion and a presentation.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **13.1.2 Extended Producer Responsibility Municipal Registration**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 7, 2023
- Staff presentation dated December 7, 2023

Councillor Mancini stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

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 Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Shannon Betts, Manager, Policy and Environment gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Morse

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

1. **Approve the registration of the Municipality for participation in the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products program and direct the CAO to register the Municipality by no later than the January 1, 2024, deadline, and in accordance with the requirements of the *Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products* regulations; and,**

2. **Direct the CAO to negotiate and execute agreements, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the CAO, and in accordance with the *Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products* regulations with applicable Producer Responsibility Organization(s) related to the Municipality's curbside recycling collection and operation of the Municipality's Materials Recovery Facility and as required, with Divert Nova Scotia.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Mancini resumed the Chair.

**13.1.3 Councillor Appointment to Executive Standing Committee**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 29, 2023

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint one (1) Councillor from Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to serve on Executive Standing Committee, for a term until the end of the Council term.**

MOVED by Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the motion be amended to appoint Councillor Mancini to the Executive Standing Committee and serve for a term until the end of the Council term.**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint Councillor Mancini to serve on Executive Standing Committee, for a term until the end of the Council term.**

**MOTION AND AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.1.1 Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated December 7, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee approve the proposed 2024 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.**

**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 – February 1, 2024**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Catie Campbell  
Legislative Assistant