



**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 6, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Richard Zurawski, Vice Chair
Councillor Steve Streach
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Bob Bjerke, Director, Planning & Development
Josh Judah, Senior Solicitor
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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

A video recording of this meeting is available online:

http://archive.isiglobal.ca/vod/halifax/archive_2017-04-06_live-committee.mp4.html

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Committee are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCenv/170406essc-Agenda.php>

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m., and the Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:38 p.m. The Standing Committee reconvened to the public session at 3:13 p.m. and adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the minutes of February 2, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Deferral:

10.3.2 The Blue Urbanism Project: An Assessment of Macro Solid Pollution around Halifax Harbour – Master of Marine Management students, Dalhousie University
This group has requested that the presentation be moved to the June 8, 2017 meeting to accommodate students who were unable to attend this meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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 Halifax Idle-Free Climate Action – Ron Zima, GoGreen Communications & The Children's Clean Air Network and Bill VanGorder, Canadian Association of Retired Persons

The following information was before the Committee:

- Presentation – Halifax Idle-Free Climate Action Plan
- Correspondence from Ron Zima dated February 2, 2017
- Motion approved at the March 23, 2017 Transportation Standing Committee meeting

Ron Zima, CEO, GoGreen Communications Inc., and Bill VanGorder, member of Canadian Association of Retired Persons, presented a proposed Idle-Free Climate Action Plan to the Committee. The presentation with a link to the video shown during the presentation are available online; the presentation is also on file.

Ron Zima and Bruce McCulloch responded to questions from the Committee.

At the request of the Committee, Rob Zima reviewed the E3 Fleet review, which would be a comprehensive review of technologies available, analyze data from the current fleet, measure fuel/CO2 savings, and certify results. A sampling of E3 Fleet membership across Canada and E3 Peer Benchmarking example.

Councillor Karsten thanked the presenters, and noted that this presentation was also provided to the Transportation Standing Committee on March 23, 2017, at which time the presentation was referred for a staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee request that the staff report resulting from this presentation made to the Transportation Standing Committee meeting of March 23, 2017 also be provided to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee upon completion.

The Committee discussed the proposed target date of June 7, 2017, as outlined in the report, noting that this would be difficult to meet.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair offered thanks for the presentation.

10.3.2 The Blue Urbanism Project: An Assessment of Macro Solid Pollution around Halifax Harbour – *Master of Marine Management students, Dalhousie University*

This delegation requested that their presentation be moved to the June 8, 2017 meeting to accommodate students who were unable to attend this meeting.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

The Committee requested that Information Item No. 2 - Illegal Dumping – information report be added to the next meeting agenda for a presentation by staff and discussion.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Overview of Extended Producer Responsibility – *Laurie Lewis, Solid Waste Resources*

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation dated April 6, 2017

Laurie Lewis, Program Manager - Policy and Outreach, Solid Waste Resources, presented an overview of the concept of extended producer responsibility, for the information of the Committee. A copy of the presentation is available online and on file.

Laurie Lewis and Matthew Keliher, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, responded to questions from the Committee, and updated on the latest communication with the Nova Scotia Department of Environment with respect to Municipalities needing to take the lead in building a business case for extended producer responsibility.

The Chair thanked Laurie Lewis for her presentation.

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

The Committee agreed to move Public Participation to be held prior to the In Camera (In Private) session.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Cascadden, Chair of the Halifax Waste Resource Society, and Chair of the HRM Community Monitoring Committee for the Otter Lake Landfill, addressed the Committee, noting the following:

- That the Halifax Waste Resource Society has within their mandate an overview concern with respect to all solid waste that arrives at the landfill for processing.
- While the Halifax Waste Resource Society is not a recognized stakeholder in the process, they would be happy to participate and support an extended producer responsibility initiative by HRM.
- Styrofoam recycling will only be addressed through extended producer responsibility.

John Cascadden spoke in support of HRM pressing forward and taking a leadership role on this matter.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee move to an In Camera (In Private) session to address In Camera items 14.1.1 and 14.1.2.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Committee recessed to an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:38 p.m.

The public session reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

14.1 Personnel Matters

Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/documents/Citizenrecruitmentpolicy.pdf>

14.1.1 Citizen Appointments to the Halifax Water Commission – Private and Confidential Report

The following information was before the Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated March 28, 2017

This matter was addressed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified during the public session:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Environmental & Sustainability Standing Committee:

1. **strike an interview panel for citizen nominations to the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board and that staff be directed to schedule interviews with the short-listed candidates selected at the April 6, 2017 In Camera Session of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee; and**
2. **direct the panel to return to Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee for their consideration of nominations to forward to Regional Council for appointment.**

14.1.2 Citizen Appointments to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following information was before the Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated March 21, 2017

This matter was addressed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified during the public session:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee:

1. **Appoint the two citizens to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board (Water-related Professional) for a term to November 2018, as outlined in the March 21, 2017 report.**
2. **That the citizen appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation was held prior to the In Camera session. Refer to page 4.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 4, 2017

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant