



**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 8, 2017**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor David Hendsbee

**REGRETS:** Councillor Shawn Cleary

**STAFF:** Peter Duncan, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Planning & Development  
Josh Judah, Senior Solicitor  
Jennifer Weagle, 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 1:02 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 6, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Streach

**THAT the minutes of April 6, 2017 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

4. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Darlene & Shea Brennan

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO DARLENE & SHEA BRENNAN**

The Chair invited Darlene and Shea Brennan, a grandmother and granddaughter from Dartmouth, to discuss their Canada 150 initiative to pick up 150 bags of litter in 2017. Darlene and Shea Brennan advised that they started the project in March and have picked up 75 bags to date.

Councillors Mancini and Blackburn presented a certificate of appreciation to Darlene and Shea.

**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 The Blue Urbanism Project: An Assessment of Macro Solid Pollution Around Halifax Harbour** - *Master of Marine Management students, Marine Affairs Program, Dalhousie University*

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence from Lucia M. Fanning, Professor, Marine Affairs Program, Dalhousie University, dated March 10, 2017
- The Blue Urbanism Project – Executive Summary
- Marine Pollution Backgrounder from the Clean Foundation

Jessica Bradford and Joana Costa, Master of Marine Management students at Dalhousie University, presented the Blue Urbanism Project: An Assessment of Macro Solid Pollution Around Halifax Harbour. The presentation is available online and on file.

The presenters responded to questions from members of the Committee.

The Committee thanked the students for the presentation.

**10.3.2 Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program – Nova Scotia Department of Energy**

The following was before the Committee:

- Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program brochure

Peter Craig, Team Lead - Solar Strategy, Nova Scotia Department of Energy, provided a presentation overview of the Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program. The presentation is available online and on file.

The presenter responded to questions from members of the Committee and asked members to refer community organizations to the online resources available at [novascotia.ca/solar](http://novascotia.ca/solar), and an installers list at [solarns.ca](http://solarns.ca).

The Committee thanked Peter Craig for the presentation.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**11.1 Memorandum from the Director, Transportation and Public Works dated March 17, 2017 re: **Illegal Dumping****

The following was before the Committee:

- Information report dated March 17, 2017
- Staff presentation dated June 8, 2017

Laurie Lewis, Program Manager - Policy and Outreach, Halifax Solid Waste Resources, presented to the Committee on the topic of Illegal Dumping. The presentation is available online and on file.

Laurie Lewis and Matt Keliher, Manager of Solid Waste, responded to questions from the Committee. They discussed enforcement through fines and fees within the Environment Act and as a summary offence. Members of the Committee noted the need for public education on the issue.

**12. REPORTS - NONE**

**12.1 STAFF - NONE**

**12.2 COMMITTEES - NONE**

**12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE**

### **13. MOTIONS**

Councillor Zurawski took the Chair, Mancini took a seat with the Committee.

#### **13.1 Councillor Mancini**

The following was before the Committee:

- Councillor Request for Committee's Consideration form

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT the Environment & Sustainability Committee request a staff report to consider the implementation of a Pilot Program to recycle/dispose discarded cigarette butts and communicate with the Cities of Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver who have implemented this program.**

Councillor Mancini discussed mention in the Blue Urbanism project presented earlier in the meeting, regarding cigarette butt pollution in Halifax Harbor. He indicated that cigarette butts are not biodegradable, and contain plastic that breaks down to become microplastics. Councillor Mancini discussed and showed images of an example of a cigarette butt receptacle, which information is available on file.

Matt Keliher, Manager of Solid Waste, discussed the report request and other report requests that staff are working on.

Councillor Mancini noted frustration with the length of time it takes to get reports back. Keliher advised that staff can compile research from other cities into an information report for the Committee, but would need to look further into the cost benefits in order to bring a fulsome recommendation back to the Committee. Councillor Mancini was agreeable with this approach.

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Mancini returned to the Chair and Councillor Zurawski returned to his seat with the Committee.

Councillor Karsten indicated that he had questions regarding the Information Item No. 2 – Residential Component to the Urban Forest Master Plan. In accordance with Administrative Order No. 1 Respecting the Rules of Council, section 12(5), this information report will be added to the next meeting of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee for discussion.

### **14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

The following In Camera matters were addressed during the public session. No In Camera meeting was held.

#### **14.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – April 6, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

**THAT the In Camera minutes of the April 6, 2017 Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee be approved as circulated.**

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **14.2 Personnel Matter**

*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>

**14.2.1 Citizen Nominations to Halifax Regional Water Commission Board – *Private and Confidential Report***

The following was before the Committee:

- Private and Confidential recommendation report dated May 24, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

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

- 1. Appoint the two applicants, outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated May 24, 2017, to the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board and that the identity of the appointees be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated May 24, 2017 to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Kelly Schnare**, on behalf of the Sierra Club Canada, informed the Committee that this is World Ocean Day. The speaker circulated a handout, and discussed the Re-imagining Atlantic Harbours for the Next Generation engagement tool (“RAH2050”, more info at rah2050.org). The aim of RAH2050 is to create a common vision informed by science, community and industry, and it is sponsored by Halifax Water and the Waterfront Development Corporation. Kelly invited all to attend a celebration on June 10, 2017 from 10 am to 1 pm near “The Wave” on the Halifax Waterfront.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 3, 2017**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle  
Legislative Assistant