



**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 7, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Richard Zurawski, Chair  
Councillor Shawn Cleary, Vice-Chair  
Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillors Steve Streach  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

**STAFF:** Kelly Denty, Director, Planning & Development  
Andrew Gough, Solicitor  
David Perusse, 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 1:01 p.m. The Standing Committee moved In Camera (In Private) at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 2:04 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2019**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the minutes of January 10, 2019 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**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**

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Municipal Clerk's Office received correspondence from Angela Riley, dated February 5, 2019, which was circulated to members of the Standing Committee.

**10.2 Petitions - None**

**10.3 Presentations**

**10.3.1 Environmental Impact of Offshore Drilling - Lilian Barraclough, iMatter Halifax**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated January 15, 2019

Councillor Streach joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Lilian Barraclough, iMatter Halifax, and Chelsea Fougere, Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia, provided the Standing Committee with a presentation on the environmental risks and impact of offshore

drilling. The presenters additionally requested that the Standing Committee consider a motion calling for a public inquiry and moratorium on offshore drilling in Nova Scotia.

Speaking from the Chair, Councillor Zurawski noted that a similar motion had come before Regional Council in October of 2018, which was defeated. The main concern cited at that time was that offshore drilling is outside the governance of the Municipality. While the Standing Committee acknowledges the important environmental concerns surrounding this issue, members suggested that the efforts of the Standing Committee would be more effectively directed towards environmental issues which the Municipality does have jurisdiction over.

The Chair thanked Barraclough and Fougere for the presentation, and encouraged them to continue their work in advancing the public discourse on this issue.

## **11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE**

### **12. REPORTS**

#### **12.1 STAFF - NONE**

#### **12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

##### **12.2.1 Deputy Mayor Mancini - Pet Waste Recycling**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A request for consideration form dated February 7, 2019

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on options for disposal of pet waste.**

Speaking to the motion, Deputy Mayor Mancini noted that this matter arose out of discussions with residents following the Standing Committee's discussion and recommendation on the Single-use Item Reduction Strategy. Mancini suggested the following amendment:

**THAT the motion be amended to add the following at the end of the motion: "...with the staff report to include an examination of green bins as pet waste disposal receptacles."**

The motion was considered friendly by the Standing Committee.

The motion before the Standing Committee was as follows:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on options for disposal of pet waste, with the staff report to include an examination of green bins as pet waste disposal receptacles.**

Responding to questions from members of the Standing Committee, Mancini clarified that rather than only dog waste, the scope of the requested report would consider all pet waste.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED AS AMENDED.**

#### **12.3 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - NONE**

### **13. MOTIONS – NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) - NONE**

*The Standing Committee may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:*

The Standing Committee moved In Camera (In Private) at 1:54 p.m.

**14.1 Personnel Matter – Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Nominations**

*A matter pertaining to an identifiable person or individual*

The following item was dealt with by the Standing Committee In Camera (In Private), and the following was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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

- 1. Appoint three (3) water related professionals for a term to November 30, 2020, in accordance with the direction provided during the February 7, 2019 In Camera (In Private) meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee;**
- 2. Appoint one (1) representative from an environmental NGO or recreational organization for a term to November 30, 2020, in accordance with the direction provided during the February 7, 2019 In Camera (In Private) meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee;**
- 3. Direct that the names of the successful appointees be released to the public following ratification and notification of the applicants; and**
- 4. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated January 29, 2019 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair invited members of the public wishing to address the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to come forward.

**Jeremy Bernardin**, Electric Vehicle Association of Atlantic Canada, spoke to the Standing Committee about the need for the Municipality to take a leadership role in facilitating the growth of Electric Vehicle ("EV") infrastructure and usage in the region. They noted that EVs will play an increasing role in addressing emission reduction targets in the coming years. They requested that the Standing Committee keep this in mind in the future when matters relating to EVs come forward.

The Chair called three (3) times for any further members of the public wishing to address the Standing Committee. There being none, Public Participation was closed.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 7, 2019**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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David Perusse  
Legislative Assistant