



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 7, 2019**

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

REGRETS: Councillors Steve Streach

STAFF: Kelly Denty, Director, Planning & Development
Sara Knight, Solicitor
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 7, 2019

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of February 7, 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 Cleary

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 City Nature Challenge – David Ireland, iNaturalist Canada

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated February 6, 2019
- A presentation entitled 'City Nature Challenge 2019 – Halifax'
- A handout of the City Nature Challenge 2019 description and summary

David Ireland, iNaturalist Canada, CNC Halifax Chair gave an overview of the City Nature Challenge, scheduled to take place from April 26 to 29, 2019, wherein cities around the world will be competing to see who can make the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people in the challenge. Responding to members questions, Ireland spoke to the significant public outreach being done throughout the Municipality.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Proposed iMatter Climate Inheritance Resolution

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 11, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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

1. **Await the completion of the Community Energy and Climate Action Plan, prior to adopting emissions reduction targets; and**
2. **Not consider endorsing the proposed iMatter Climate Inheritance Resolution, until the Community Energy and Climate Action Plan is presented to Council for consideration.**

The Standing Committee discussed the motion with staff responding to questions. Members spoke to Regional Council declaring a climate emergency and the need to set aggressive targets now rather than waiting for the consultation process to conclude.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

Councillor Cleary noted they would bring forward a motion at the next meeting.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

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:

14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 7, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 7, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public came forward at this time.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 4, 2019

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Krista Vining
Legislative Assistant