



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 4, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair  
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Pam Lovelace

**REGRETS:** Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon

**STAFF:** Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development  
Joshua Judah Q.C., Solicitor  
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

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**Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Special Meeting  
Minutes  
February 4, 2021**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:57 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 7, 2020**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the minutes of December 7, 2020 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Councillor Mancini requested that Information Item 2. Information report from Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 26, 2021 re: Hydrogen and Decarbonizing Halifax be brought forward to the March 4, 2021 meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Austin

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

**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 there was no correspondence received.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 The Welcome Lot: How parking lots can contribute to the Halifax low carbon pathway -  
*Michael Szego, Third Party***

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled: The Welcome Lot: How parking lots can contribute to the Halifax low carbon pathway

A copy of presentation is available at Halifax.ca <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/210204esscsp1031pres.pdf>

Michael Szego, Third Party provided an overview on the 'Welcome Lot' and explained how parking lots can contribute to the Halifax low carbon pathway and support important plans and initiatives that are in place at Halifax Regional Municipality. The Welcome Lot (parking lots) is designed to encourage active transportation, improve connectivity, safety and comfort, and Szego emphasized that the Welcome Lot can help create a more livable, safer and resilient Halifax.

Following a presentation, Szego answered questions from members of the Committee.

**10.3.2 Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park presentation - Karen McKendry and Karen Robinson, Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled: Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park
- A handout titled: Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park

A copy of presentation is available at Halifax.ca <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/210204esscsp1032pres.pdf>

Karen McKendry and Karen Robinson, Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition Steering Committee provided a presentation on importance and needs for independent boundary study for the Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park area and answered questions from members of the Standing Committee.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 STAFF**

**12.1.1 Presentation: HalifACT Annual Progress Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff presentation dated February 4, 2021 entitled: HalifACT Interim Report

Shannon Miedema, Manager of Energy and Environment, Taylor Owen, Climate Change Specialist and Kevin Boutilier, Solar City Program Officer gave an update on HalifACT and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

**12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.3 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – NONE**

**13. MOTIONS**

**13.1 Councillor Mancini - RWAB Review of Water Quality Monitoring Policy and Program Development Report prepared by AECOM**

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee refer the AECOM report to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board to review and provide input to staff as they develop recommendations for the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee based on this report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 7, 2020**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 7, 2020 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 4, 2021**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama  
Legislative Assistant