



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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell

STAFF: Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development  
David Greener, Senior Solicitor  
Haruka Aoyama, 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 1:00 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:16 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the minutes of February 4, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**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 correspondence was received by Canadian Institute for Climate Choices. This correspondence was circulated to the Standing Committee.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Mobilizing Universities to Solve Wicked Problems in HRM: Where Does the Water Go? –**

*Jonathan Fowler and Linda Campbell*

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled: *Mobilizing Universities to Solve Wicked Problems in HRM: Where does the Water Go?*

A copy of presentation is available at Halifax.ca <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/210304esscsp1031pres.pdf>

Dr. Jonathan Fowler from Saint Mary's University provided a brief overview of Mannahatta Project and explained landscape history of Halifax Peninsula from anthropology perspective. Dr. Linda Campbell from Saint Mary's University introduced honour student's thesis on importance of historical water flows & water flow patterns and described importance mapping from historical significance for the future. Dr. Jonathan Fowler and Dr. Linda Campbell responded to questions from members of the Committee.

### **10.3.2 The Power of a Dried Marker – Alex Xia**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation entitled: *The Power of a Dried Marker*

A copy of presentation is available at Halifax.ca <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/210304esscsp1032pres.pdf>

Alex Xia provided a presentation on Marker Recycling: Easy, Effective Cheap and Necessary by explaining steps, end results and cost of potential marker recycling programs in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Necessary and answered questions from members of the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on presentation topic for item 10.3.2 about marker recycling.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – February 4, 2021**

### **11.1 Hydrogen and Decarbonizing Halifax**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated January 26, 2021
- A staff presentation dated March 4, 2021 entitled: Hydrogen and Decarbonizing Halifax

A copy of presentation is available at Halifax.ca <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/210304esscsp111.pdf>

Kevin Boutiller, Solar City Program Officer and Bharathi Esakkimuthu, Clean Energy Specialist provided a presentation on Hydrogen and Decarbonizing Halifax and answered questions from members of the Standing Committee.

## **12. REPORTS**

### **12.1 STAFF**

#### **12.1.1 Naturalization Initiatives Update**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 11, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC) recommend to Halifax Regional Council that the naturalization initiative review period be extended by one year to December 31, 2021, to fully include the pilot projects that were to have occurred in 2020 for monitoring towards a future naturalization guideline/policy.**

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**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.3 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – NONE**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 1, 2021\* *if required***

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama  
Legislative Assistant