



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
July 7, 2021**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Shawn Cleary

STAFF: Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development
Joshua Judah, Senior Solicitor
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee at a future meeting.

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.

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Special Meeting Draft Minutes
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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 3, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the minutes of June 3, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

Correspondence was received from Alexandra Gair and circulated to the Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Using Data-Driven Solutions to Prevent Litter – *Nic Esposito and Luke MacDonald, Litterati*

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated June 14, 2021
- A presentation entitled: Litterati

Nic Esposito and Luke MacDonald gave a presentation on mobile application that gathers data on garbage to identify who, what, where, when and why litter issues are happening in cities. Esposito and MacDonald responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Community-Based Wilderness Stewardship in HRM – Richmond Campbell and Mike Lancaster

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated June 25, 2021
- A presentation entitled: Heart of the Bay, St. Margarer's Bay Stewardship Association

Richmond Campbell and Mike Lancaster gave a presentation on Community-Based Wilderness Stewardship (CBWS) and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Halifax Solar City Program Update and Future Program Recommendation

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 21, 2021
- A staff presentation dated July 7, 2021

Taylor Owen, Climate Change Specialist and Kevin Boutilier, Clean Energy Specialist, gave a presentation on Halifax Solar City Program and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

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

- 1. Approve the inclusion of additional energy measures beyond solar as part of a deep energy retrofit pilot program; and**
- 2. Approve the deep energy retrofit pilot program which could incur up to \$3.5M of expenditures, to be fully recoverable from the property owner, and operate in the same manner as the Solar City program.**

The Chair suggested an information session (Lunch and Learn) or presentation to be given to Regional Council members, especially to newer Councillors, to learn more about the Solar City Program.

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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 5, 2021* *if required*

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19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama
Legislative Assistant

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