



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 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

STAFF: Peter Duncan, Director, Infrastructure Planning  
Joshua Judah, Senior Solicitor  
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:19 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 2, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the minutes of September 2, 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 Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**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**

Correspondence was received from Wil Tarnasky, Scott Skinner (Clean Foundation), Nancy Anningson (Ecology Action Center) and Sam Buck (Center for Behavior & the Environment) and circulated to the Standing Committee.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Wetland Conservation in the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area – *Emma Bocking, Ducks Unlimited Canada***

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated October 12, 2021
- A presentation dated November 4, 2021

Emma Bocking, Conservation Program Specialist, Ducks Unlimited Canada gave a presentation 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 Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 10, 2021
- A staff presentation dated November 4, 2021

Kevin Boutilier, Clean Energy Specialist, Environment & Climate Change, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Morse

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

- 1. Adopt the Halifax Regional Municipality Electric Vehicle Strategy as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated August 10, 2021;**
- 2. Recommend that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing prescribe additional standards by regulation of the *Building Code Act* to require “EV Ready” parking stalls for the construction of new buildings within the Halifax Regional Municipality and request the Mayor write a letter to the Minister requesting these regulations; and**
- 3. Request the Mayor write a letter to the Premier of Nova Scotia requesting that the Zero Emission Vehicle mandate, introduced in the *Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act*, be strengthened to better align with HalifACT.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **12.1.2 Administrative Order 2021-002-OP – Respecting Net-Zero Construction of New Municipal Facilities Within the Halifax Regional Municipality**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 5, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2021-002-OP, *Respecting Net-Zero Construction of New Municipal Facilities within the Halifax Regional Municipality*, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated August 5, 2021.**

Kevin Boutilier, Clean Energy Specialist, Environment & Climate Change responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **13. MOTIONS – NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Stephen Mildenberger**, a resident from Mushaboom, is an advocate of electric vehicles and on the Board of EVAAC, Electric Vehicle Association of Atlantic Canada. Mildenberger spoke to the Standing Committee regarding the agenda item 12.1.1 Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy. On behalf of the Board, Mildenberger thanked everyone involved in the consultation and development process. Indicated that the Board would like to get involved in any future consultation opportunities.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 2, 2021**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama  
Legislative Assistant