



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
July 7, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair

STAFF: Joshua Judah, Solicitor
John MacPherson, Executive Director Fleet, Property, Environment
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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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 1:01 p.m., and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 2, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of June 2, 2022 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 Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Austin

That the following item be deferred to a future meeting of Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- **Item 12.1.3 - Update on Halifax Green Network Plan 2021 Annual Progress Report**

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 and circulated for item 10.3.1.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Mind Your Plastics – The Circular Economy and Municipal Policies around plastics

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Natasha Tucker, Executive Director, Mind Your Plastics gave a presentation on the Circular Economy, Plastic Pollution, and Municipal Action and answered questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Naturalization Strategy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation/information report dated April 12, 2022
- Staff presentation dated July 7, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend the Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to expand the naturalization pilot to a municipal-wide program and include \$150,000 in the 2023/24 operating budget for Regional Council’s consideration to support the program.

Richard Harvey, Manager, Policy and Planning, Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on the Naturalization Strategy and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Yellow Floating Heart Control – Little Albro Lake 2022

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation/information report dated June 27, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Austin seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. End the usage of benthic mats to control the yellow floating heart in Little Albro Lake, based on the results of the testing completed in the 2021 pilot study; and**
- 2. Prepare and submit an application for special approval from Health Canada to use ProcellaCOR™, a selective herbicide, for a pilot study to control invasive yellow floating heart in Little Albro Lake, contingent on regulatory approval by Nova Scotia Environment & Climate Change, and Environment & Climate Change Canada, discussion with all relevant government agencies, and consultation with concerned stakeholders.**

Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resource Specialist, Environment & Climate Change responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Update on Halifax Green Network Plan 2021 Annual Progress Report

This matter was deferred, refer to Order of Business.

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12.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 14.1 and 14.2.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – June 2, 2022

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

Moved by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of June 2, 2022 be approved as circulated.

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated May 25, 2022; and

2. Direct that the staff report dated May 25, 2022 be maintained as private and confidential

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 1, 2022

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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Jill McGillicuddy
Legislative Assistant