



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 3, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Lovelace

STAFF: Joshua Judah, Solicitor  
John MacPherson, Executive Director Fleet, Property, Environment  
Catie Campbell, 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 1:03 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 3:33 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 – July 7, 2022**

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the minutes of July 7, 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 Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**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 and circulated for items: 12.1.2 and 12.1.4

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Halifax Bee City**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated October 12, 2022
- Presentation dated November 3, 2022

Emily McLean, Halifax Bee City gave a presentation on Bee City Canada and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report investigating Halifax Regional Municipality becoming a Bee City.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

### **12. REPORTS**

#### **12.1 STAFF REPORTS**

##### **12.1.1 Repeal and Replace Administrative Order 2014-009-OP *Respecting the Community Garden Program***

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 29, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2022-007-OP, Respecting the Community Garden Program, including repealing Administrative Order 2014-009-OP, as set out in Attachment B of staff report dated September 29, 2022.**

Darren Hirtle, Community Developer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **12.1.2 Halifax Green Network Plan – 2021 Progress Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff information report dated October 28, 2022
- Correspondence from Richmond Campbell, Kortney Dunsby, Jennifer Powley, Bill Campbell, Wendy McDonald
- Staff presentation dated November 3, 2022

Kate Greene, Director, Regional Planning and Kathleen Fralic, Planner III, Regional Growth gave a presentation on the Green Network Plan and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee accept the staff information report dated October 28, 2022.**

Greene and Leah Perrin, Principal Planner, Regional & Community Policy responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **12.1.3 Green Network Plan - Interaction with IMP and other plan processes**

This matter was addressed as part of item 12.1.2 Halifax Green Network Plan – 2021 Progress Report.

##### **12.1.4 HaliFACT – 2021-22 Annual Progress Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2022
- Correspondence from Richmond Campbell, John Cascadden, Kortney Dunsby, Jennifer Powley, Wendy McDonald
- Staff presentation dated November 3, 2022

Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment & Climate Change and Simone Charron, Environmental Professional gave a presentation on the HalifACT – 2021-22 Annual Progress Report and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the HalifACT 2021-22 Annual Progress Report, dated October 27, 2022, to Regional Council for information.**

Miedema, Perrin and Kevin Boutilier, Manager, Community Energy responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE**

**12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

**14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – July 7, 2022**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of July 7, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Kortney Dunsby, Ecology Action Centre** spoke to the importance of nature-based solutions for climate change and the need for HRM resourcing dedicated to advancing HalifACT.

**John Cassaden, Lewis Lake** spoke to emerging technologies for processing solid waste that converts solid waste into a hydrogen resource.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 1, 2022**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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Catie Campbell  
Legislative Assistant