



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 6, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
 Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
 Deputy Mayor Sam Austin
 Councillor Kathryn Morse
 Councillor Iona Stoddard
 Councillor Pam Lovelace

STAFF: John MacPherson, Executive Director, Fleet, Property & Environment
 Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment and Climate Change
 David Greener, Solicitor
 Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager
 Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. REPORTS

4.1 Analysis of Halifax Becoming a Bee City

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 9, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to apply for Bee City status within one year of hiring a naturalization coordinator.

Emma Bocking, Environmental Specialist responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee noted that the Halifax County Beekeepers Association would be invited to a future meeting to provide further education on the matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2 Councillor Deagle Gammon

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Presentation from Planning & Development Staff on Current Policies or River-Lakes Secondary Plan from Councillor Deagle Gammon

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a presentation at a future meeting; from Planning and Development on the current policies of the River-Lakes Secondary Plan relative to 'no net increase in phosphorous', how it is applied, lessons learned, and any changes to regulations at the provincial/ federal governments that may promote a review.

Shannon Miedema, Director Environment and Climate Change responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant