



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 13, 2024**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Kathryn Morse

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Patty Cuttell

STAFF: John MacPherson, Executive Director, Fleet, Property and Environment
Josh Judah, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 – May 2, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of May 2, 2024 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 Stoddard

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 - None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Mila Simon – Community Solar Project

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated April 19, 2024
- Presentation dated June 11, 2024

Tracy Zheng, SolarBank Corporation and Joel MacNeil, TriMac Engineering Inc. gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Josh Judah, Solicitor and Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant responded to question of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to consider a Municipal letter of support for SolarBank Corporation's application to the provincial Community Solar Program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Solid Waste Strategy Review - UPDATE

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 6, 2024
- Staff presentation dated June 13, 2024

Andrew Philopoulos, Director Solid Waste gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the next phase of reviewing and updating the Municipality's Solid Waste Strategy in accordance with the tasks and action items outlined in the Next Steps section of the staff report dated May 6, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS - NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 1, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant