



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
March 6, 2025**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Janet Steele
Councillor Nancy Hartling

REGRETS: Councillor Sam Austin

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Kathryn Morse
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor John Young
Councillor Billy Gillis

STAFF: John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet & Environment
Elise Martino, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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

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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 – December 5, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the minutes of December 5, 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 Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hartling

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: 10.3.1 and 10.3.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Céó Gaudet – A Thousand Lakes

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Correspondence from Céó Gaudet
- Presentation dated March 6, 2025

Céó Gaudet, A Thousand Lakes gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet & Environment responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Halifax Water – Water Fluoridation in HRM

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Correspondence from Jessica Bradstock-Young
- Presentation dated March 6, 2025

Wendy Krkosek, Director of Environmental, Health & Safety, Halifax Water gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Kenda MacKenzie, General Manager, Halifax Water responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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 Urban Forest Management Plan – Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated February 28, 2025
- Staff presentation dated March 6, 2025

Tyler Searls, Diamond Head Consulting gave a presentation.

Elise Martino, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hartling

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

- 1. Revoke the Urban Forest Master Plan (2013) and support the principles contained in the new Urban Forest Management Plan as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 28, 2025; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the actions contained in the Urban Forest Management Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business process.**

Crispin Wood, Manager, Urban Forestry and Dr. Peter Duinker, Dalhousie University responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

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16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 3, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant