



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 5, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Janet Steele
Councillor Nancy Hartling

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini, Chair

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice 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 – April 3, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the minutes of April 3, 2025 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 Hartling, seconded by Councillor Steele

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 item 10.3.3.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Dave Redden - Monitoring HRM Lakes for Toxic Cyanobacteria

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated March 19, 2025
- Presentation dated June 5, 2025

Dave Redden, Center for Water Resource Studies, Dalhousie University gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Elizabeth Montgomery, Environmental Professional responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Dustin O'Leary - Closed-Loop Hydro Renewable Energy Storage Project

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated April 1, 2025
- Handout dated May 1, 2025
- Presentation dated May 1, 2025

Dustin O'Leary, St Barbara Mining and Tess Donohue, Natural Forces gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Councillor Deagle Gammon stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Steele assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hartling

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 to the Nova Scotia's Minister of Energy and the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia for the St Barbara and Natural Forces' Closed-Loop Hydro renewable energy project proposed for the site of the former Touquoy Gold Mine in Moose River, Nova Scotia.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Deagle Gammon resumed the Chair.

10.3.3 Peter Lund - Silty Groundwater Discharges to Watercourses and Wetlands During Early Stages of Land Development

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated April 13, 2025
- Correspondence from Peter Lund
- Presentation dated June 5, 2025

Peter Lund, Hydrogeologist gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on potential updates to the lot grading and stormwater bylaws that would reduce the impact of runoff from development sites on both surface and ground water.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Vice 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 Amendments to By-Law L-200 Respecting Licensing of Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling and Disposal Operations

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 1, 2025
- Staff presentation dated June 5, 2025

Elisabeth Mance, Manager, Policy and Enforcement gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law L-202, the purpose of which is to amend *By-law L-200, Respecting Licensing of Construction and Demolition Recycling and Disposal Operations*, including repealing *Administrative Order 27, Respecting Materials That Shall Not Be Disposed Of In A C&D Disposal Site*, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated April 1, 2025.

Mance and Shannon Betts, Director, Solid Waste responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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 7, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant