



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 4, 2025**

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

**STAFF:** John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet and Environment  
Elise Martino, Solicitor  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant  
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 – August 6, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the minutes of August 6, 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 White, 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 – None**

### **10.2 Petitions – None**

### **10.3 Presentations**

#### **10.3.1 Shelda Cochrane - Assisting HRM in Diverting Textiles and Other Goods from Landfill**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated June 12, 2025
- Presentation dated September 4, 2025

Shelda Cochrane and Casey Spidle, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

#### **10.3.2 Kelly Schnare – The Natural Edge Program**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated July 21, 2025
- Handout dated September 4, 2025
- Presentation dated September 4, 2025

Kelly Schnare, Re-imagining Atlantic Harbours for 2050 gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

## **11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Howard Epstein, Halifax** spoke on the proposed widening of Robie Street, the implications of light rail and a courts decision on the removal of bike lanes in Ontario. A handout was provided for the record.

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

## **13. REPORTS**

### **13.1 STAFF**

#### **13.1.1 Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Management Plan**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 30, 2025
- Staff presentation dated September 4, 2025

Shauna Doll, Environmental Professional gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

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

- 1. Approve the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) Treatment and Management Plan, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 30, 2025;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to initiate treatment of eastern hemlocks with a focus on the 15 priority parks identified within the HWA Treatment and Management Plan; and**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the actions contained in the HWA Treatment and Management Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.**

Doll and Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment 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 – October 2, 2025**

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

**Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee  
Draft Minutes  
September 4, 2025**

Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant