



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

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

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

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 1:01 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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT Councillor Deagle Gammon be nominated Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor Deagle Gammon was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT Councillor Deagle Gammon be appointed Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Deagle Gammon was declared the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Deagle Gammon called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT Councillor White be nominated Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor White was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT Councillor White be appointed Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor White was declared the Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2, 2025

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the minutes of October 2, 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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Pulkit Gupta - TCX Energy Solar Garden

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated July 21, 2025
- Presentation dated December 4, 2025

Pulkit Gupta, TCX Energy gave a presentation and 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 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated December 4, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee approve the proposed 2026 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 LakeWatchers 2022-24 Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated September 9, 2025
- Staff presentation dated December 4, 2025

Chris Kennedy, Water Quality Monitoring Program Coordinator gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Direct staff to add the supervised beaches at Kidston Lake, Long Pond, Penhorn Lake, Albro Lake, Birch Cove (Lake Banook), Lake Echo, Springfield Lake, and Kearney Lake to the Naturalization Program.**
- 2. Direct staff to explore shoreline and in-lake green infrastructure options for addressing stormwater discharge locations within 100 m of supervised beaches.**

Kennedy 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 – January 15, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant