



**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 2, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Richard Zurawski, Vice Chair
Councillor Steve Streach
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Sam Austin

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Streach

STAFF: Kelly Denty, Acting Director, Planning & Development
Ben Fairbanks, Solicitor
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 3, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of August 3, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

Information Item No. 3 – Recycling Market Conditions – memorandum from the Director, Transportation and Public Works, dated October 12, 2017

The Chair asked that Information Item No. 3 be added to the December 7, 2017 agenda for a staff presentation and discussion.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Blackburn,

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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 Urban Human-Wildlife Interactions/Issues - Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation entitled “Urban Wildlife Feeding” dated November 2, 2017

Siobhan Meyer, Biologist with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, presented to the Committee on the topic of urban wildlife feeding and the impacts and issues this creates. A copy of the presentation is available online and on file.

Discussion ensued on the topic, with the presenter responding to questions from the Committee.

The Committee thanked the Siobhan Meyer for the presentation.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Options to Reduce Textiles in the Landfill

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Karsten

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

- 1. Direct staff to issue a Request for an Expression of Interest to identify not-for profit and social enterprise organizations with whom HRM may partner through the use of the Halifax Recycles App in order to expand and enhance the diversion of textiles from the landfill; and**
- 2. Direct staff to work with industry, charities, not for profits, social enterprises and other government agencies to increase the profile of textile recycling and promote consistent messaging for drop-off bins and the recycling of textiles.**

The Committee discussed the recommendation, with it being noted that education is important to let residents know that charities accept ripped and stained textiles, which can be recycled.

Councillor Zurawski left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Karsten assumed the Chair and Councillor Mancini took a seat with the Committee.

12.1.2 Cigarette Butt Disposal and Recycling

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 12, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- 1. Not approve a cigarette butt recycling pilot program be implemented; and**
- 2. Request Solid Waste staff to consult and work with internal as well as external stakeholders to develop and lead a litter and illegal dumping prevention and education campaign to be launched in 2018.**

Councillor Mancini thanked staff for the thorough report, noting that the reasons for not moving forward with a cigarette butt recycling pilot program include the risk of fire due to materials other than cigarette

butts being put in the receptacles, and that receptacles must be placed near buildings, where smoking is prohibited by the Smoke Free Places Act (Nova Scotia legislation).

Councillor Mancini returned to the Chair and Councillor Karsten returned to sit with the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report identifying the number and location of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations currently within the Municipality and provide recommendations with regards to developing an initiative to increase the number of EV charging stations in the Municipality, including, but not limited to suggestions regarding planning policies, fleet, and infrastructure.

Councillor Karsten suggested that staff look to Summerside, PEI, where there are over 40 electric vehicle charging stations, and that infrastructure include municipal properties such as recreation centres, etc.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) - NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - December 7, 2017

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant