

ENERGY AND UNDERGROUND SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 21, 2006

PRESENT: Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair  
Councillor Sue Uteck  
Councillor Debbie Hum  
Councillor Stephen Streach  
Councillor Len Goucher

REGRETS: Councillor Jim Smith  
Councillor Stephen Adams

STAFF: Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Acting Manager, Financial Services  
Mr. Jamie Hannam, Halifax Regional Water Commission  
Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 17, 2006**

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the minutes of February 17, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Streach, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Update from Ray Ritcey - Heritage Gas**

- A copy of the Powerpoint presentation was circulated to members of the committee.
- A graph of CO2 emissions by fuel type was circulated to the committee.

Mr. Ray Ritcey, President and Harvey Fedyk, Vice-President, Heritage Gas, provided an update to the committee. Mr. Ritcey advised they have made good progress but they have not accomplished what they had hoped to do to be at this particular point in time. He stated they are seeking help on the community energy project to see if they can get some momentum and they need to make some decisions so that there can be service on the Peninsula by the fall of next year.

Councillor Mosher requested Heritage Gas provide an executive summary to the committee for information.

Councillor Uteck noted the committee had asked the Mayor to write a letter to confirm the funding commitments. She noted that the Regional Plan does not mention natural gas and suggested the committee ask Regional Planning staff to look at bonusing for those developers that are putting natural gas in their areas and bring back some options for the encouragement of natural gas.

Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services, advised the energy piece is in the Regional Plan at a high level and that the plan calls for a community energy plan.

It was suggested Councillor Uteck bring the matter forward during the Regional Plan discussions.

Councillor Mosher agreed to bring forward the matter of the letter regarding funding commitments to ascertain what, if any, response had been received.

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Mr. Phil Francis give a presentation on the permitting process at the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Francis advised that some of the issues are that the streets are crowded with curbs, trees, sidewalks and other utilities. He stated that finding a location for the gas pipeline has not been easy, i.e. figuring out where the pipe can go. He advised design and impact on infrastructure are driving costs up. He noted a lot of staff time has been used figuring out where a pipe can go as opposed to issuing permits.

**4.2 Energy Update to Council - Prior to FCM Conference**

**4.3 Wind Generation Master Plan - Information Update**

Mr. Julien Boyle advised the intent of the presentation to Council is to provide an update on the status of the energy initiatives such as providing an overview of the projects as well as information on financing sources.

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 International Sustainable Cities Network - Stephen King**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**5.2 World Forum - Information Update**

Mr. Anguish noted that there is opportunity for a Councillor to attend the conference in Vancouver and he would forward information to Councillors on this initiative.

**5.3 Community Energy Project Update**

No further information at this time. Mr. Anguish is addressing this matter and is awaiting a response from the Mayor's letter to the Minister.

**5.4 Meeting Schedule, Time, Format and Staff Support**

Mr. Anguish advised that Stephen King would be the staff contact person.

Discussion ensued on the time and requirements for meetings. Following discussions the following motions were placed.

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the meetings be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Membership Selection Committee examine the possibility of combining the Energy and Underground Services Committee with the Harbour Solutions Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Julia Horncastle  
Legislative Assistant