

**Energy and Underground Services/Harbour Solutions Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

November 3, 2006

- PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Kelly, Co-Chair
Councillor Linda Mosher, Co-Chair
Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Stephen Streach
Councillor Debbie Hum
Councillor Sue Uteck
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Andrew Younger
- REGRETS:** Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Stephen Adams
- STAFF:** Mr. Brad Anguish, Environmental Management Services
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Stephen King, Manager, Environmental Management Services
Mr. Julian Boyle, Energy Auditor, Capital Projects
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 4, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Uteck, the minutes of July 4, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Kent that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 Conserve Nova Scotia - Overview and Potential Synergies/Opportunities with HRM

Ms. Heather Foley Melvin, Chief Executive Officer, Conserve Nova Scotia was in attendance to give a presentation on the mandate of Conserve Nova Scotia. She introduced Mr. Howlan Mullally, Energy Assistant, Department of Energy. In her remarks she provided background information on the creation of the agency, and reviewed the key functions, the goals and challenges. Ms. Foley Melvin noted that since June, she has met with stakeholders for discussion to determine where Conserve Nova Scotia would fit into their common goals. She noted that the stakeholders include those in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors.

Ms. Foley Melvin advised that the vision of Conserve Nova Scotia is to create a culture of conservation and energy efficiency in Nova Scotia. She added that Conserve Nova Scotia is a special operating agency and has been tasked with creating government policy, and will be working closely with various Provincial Departments in this regard. She advised of a Minister's Advisory Council on Conservation and Energy Efficiency which is a roundtable that will be set up by January 1, 2007. It will call upon various sectors to provide for representation of advisors for discussion on ideas of how they can work together toward the common goal.

Ms. Foley Melvin elaborated on the agency's key deliverables, which are noted as follow: programs and policies; establishing benchmarks; public education and social marketing. She pointed out that currently under the Department of Energy there are five rebate programs which affect over 5000 Nova Scotians who have participated in the programs.

Ms. Foley Melvin thanked the Committee members for allowing her the opportunity to present to the Committee. She responded to questions and was thanked by the Chair for the presentation.

At this time, the Committee adjourned to convene an In Camera session. Following the

In Camera session, the following items were not dealt with due to time constraints:

- 4.2 Draft Report for Approval - Proposed Mandate - Combined Energy & Underground Committee and Harbour Solutions Advisory Committee (Brad Anguish)
- 4.3 Wind Energy Master Plan Initiation - Memo
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- 4.6 URB Ordered Technical Hearings - NSPI - Integrated Resource Plan/Demand Side Management - oral information update (Mary Ellen Donovan)

5. **ADDED ITEMS:** None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant