



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 4, 2014**

PRESENT: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair
Councillor Jennifer Watts, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Darren Fisher
Councillor Reg Rankin
Councillor Steve Craig

STAFF: Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Josh Judah, Solicitor
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCenv/December42014EnvironmentandSustainabilityStandingCommitteeAgendaHalifaxRegionalMunicipa.php>

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m in the City Hall Council Chamber. The Standing Committee adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2014

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councilor Fisher that the September 10, 2014 minutes be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 12.1 Councilor Karsten: FCM Annual Sustainable Communities Award
 12.2 Councilor Watts: 100 Resilient Cities Challenge

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councilor Fisher that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee approve the agenda as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence -None

8.2 Petitions - None

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 Clean Foundation – 2014 Rain Yards Campaign

Ms. Andrea MacDonald and Ms. Christine Ward Paige provided the presentation to the Committee. They noted this was the third year the program was conducted.

They provided the following highlights from their presentation.

- Objectives was to reduce flooding and runoff of stormwater and to educate and empower homeowners to mitigate stormwater runoff on their properties.
- 100 residential assessments done in 2014; installation of 98 rain barrels and 2 community workshops held.
- Residents respond better to one on one consultation and learning
- Need to support implementation for low income or high priority residents based on storm water issues.

The Committee applauded the effort of the Clean Foundation and advised that they would look forward to hearing back from them in the next year. The Chair thanked Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Ward Paige for their presentation.

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF – None

9.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Regional Chairs – Councillor Watts

Councillor Watts provided a verbal update to the Committee and advised that the Regional Chairs met with Minister Randy Delorey. She stated that they clarified some of the issues around Extended Producer Responsibility. She added that the Regional Chairs clarified that they do support the EPR to the Minister.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Councillor Watts

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee direct staff to prepare an information report outlining the process they are taking to ensure that opportunity for District Energy is explored as part of the Cogswell Interchange Redevelopment Plan. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. IN CAMERA

The Committee did not go in camera to discuss the following:

11.1 Personnel Matter

11.1.1 Citizen Nominations to Regional Watershed Advisory Board.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- 1. Proceed to nominate three water related professionals to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board as outlined in the November 25, 2014 private and confidential report.**
- 2. It is further recommended that the citizen appointment be released to the public following notification of the successful candidates.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Karsten: FCM Annual Sustainable Communities Award

Councillor Karsten announced to the Committee that he would be in London, Ontario in 2015 as the FCM Representative to accept an award on behalf of HRM for the Solar City program.

12.2 Councilor Watts – 100 Resilient Cities Challenge

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Craig the next ESSC meeting in January that staff provide a brief presentation overviewing the submissions of the other cities in the 100

Resilient Cities Challenge program and what they are doing with the aim to assisting in building our capacity around adaptation and sustainability. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 15, 2015**
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Quentin Hill
Legislative Assistant