



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2015**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. Josh Judah, Solicitor
Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy & Environment
Ms. Shannon Miedema, Environmental Performance Manager
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Environment and Sustainability Committee are available online:

<http://www.halifax.ca/election/EnvironmentandSustainabilityStandingCommitteeAgendaJanuary152014HalifaxRegionalMunicipa.php>

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Dalrymple, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Election of Chair

The Deputy Clerk called for nominations for Chair.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Councillor Watts be elected Chair.

The Deputy Clerk called a further two times for nominations, hearing none, she declared Councillor Watts as Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor Watts assumed the Chair and Councillor Dalrymple took his seat.

The Chair called for nominations Vice-Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Councillor Dalrymple be elected Vice-Chair.

The Chair called a further two times for nominations, hearing none, she declared Councillor Dalrymple as Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

12.1 Participation in 2015 CDP Annual Information Request

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

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 Presentations

8.3.1 100 Resilient Cities Challenge – Staff

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff Information report dated December 16, 2014*
- *A staff presentation dated January 15, 2015 was distributed at the meeting*

Ms. Shannon Miedema, Environmental Performance Manager, delivered the January 15, 2015 presentation entitled '100 Resilient Cities Program. Ms. Miedema indicated that staff is recommending that HRM apply again for the program.

Ms. Miedema and Mr. MacLellan responded to questions from Committee members.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council request staff prepare and submit an application for the third year of the 100 Resilient Cities Challenge. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Weed Growth in Lake Banook and MicMac

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated December 17, 2014*

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. **Seek approval from the Province to manage the weeds in Lakes Banook and MicMac**
2. **Implement the short-term control of weed management on Lake Banook and Lake Micmac through contracted mechanical harvesting services; and**
3. **Prepare recommendations for long-term options for weed control on Lake Banook and Lake MicMac.**

Reference was made to an e-mail from Jamie MacNeil, Lake Management Services requesting a presentation to the Committee with regard to this matter. A brief discussion ensued with staff noting that monies have not been allocated in the 2015-16 budget to respond to weeds in Lakes Banook and MicMac.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that further consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee pending a review and report by staff of the information from Lake Management Services. MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 ESSC 2015 Annual Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- *The proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Environment and Sustainability Committee approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting schedule can be found at:

<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCenv/documents/2015MeetingSchedule.pdf>

9.1.3 Appointment to the Executive Standing Committee

The following was before the Committee:

- A 'For Committee Consideration' form dated January 15, 2015

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Councillor Watts be appointed as the representative from the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee to the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2016. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Regional Chairs – Councillor Watts

Councillor Watts gave a brief verbal update regarding the work of the Regional Chairs noting that the regulatory review on solid waste is almost complete and a report will be made public in the near future. She went on to note that Regional Chairs are also discussing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and the financial impact of landfill bans.

Noting work being done by staff on EPR, Councillor Watts indicated that staff would be prepared to do a presentation to the Committee in the next few months.

10. MOTIONS - NONE

11. IN CAMERA – NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Invitation to Participate in 2015 CDP Annual Information Request

This matter was added to the agenda during the Approval of the Order of Business.

The following was distributed to the Committee:

- *Correspondence from Paul Dickinson, Executive Chairman, CDP inviting Halifax to participate in the 2015 CDP Annual Information Request*

In response to a question, Mr. MacLellan indicated that staff would like an opportunity to review the request.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that the Environment and Sustainability Committee request that staff prepare a report for Halifax Regional Council responding to the invitation to participate in the 2015 CDP Annual Information Request. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Dalrymple – Operationalization of Resiliency/Integration with EMO

Councillor Dalrymple Gave Notice of Motion that he intends at the next meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee to bring forward a motion requesting staff to develop a brief presentation of how resiliency is operationalized in HRM and what steps are being taken to integrate with the Emergency Measures Organization.

Note was made that this notice would be considered at the next Agenda Review meeting in terms of scheduling the presentation.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Memorandum from the Legislative Assistant dated November 28, 2014 re: *Presentation Requests*
2. By-Law P-800 – Respecting the Regulation of Pesticides, Herbicides, and Insecticides and Administrative Order 23 – Respecting Pesticides, Herbicides, and Insecticides excluded from the By-law
3. 100 Resilient Cities Challenge