



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 11, 2015**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Vice-Chair
Councillor Brad Johns

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF: Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Josh Judah, Solicitor
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Phoebe Smith, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and moved into an In Camera session at 1:22 p.m.
The Standing Committee reconvened at 1:33 p.m. and adjourned at 1:34 p.m.*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2015

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee be approved as circulated. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

The Chair noted regrets from Councillors Dalrymple and Johns.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the agenda be approved as circulated. **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

7.1 Energy from Waste

This matter was deferred to this meeting from the May 14, 2015 meeting of the Committee, after the original motion was defeated, to give time for the Chair to consult with staff on possible alternative courses of action.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council request the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Environment requesting further information on the status of energy from waste in the new regulations and clarity on the Province's position on energy from waste.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Clerk's Office received correspondence regarding item 7.1 and this was distributed to all Committee members.

8.2 Petitions – NONE

8.3 Presentation – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 NS Nature Trust 100 Islands – Supplementary Report

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 14, 2015

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee not recommend to Regional Council, the approval of a donation or grant of funds to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust’s 100 Wild Islands Legacy Campaign, in response to the Nature Trust’s request of March 2015.

The Chair noted that the request for a grant of a one-acre Gerard Island parcel of land is being processed as per Administrative Order 50 and will come to Regional Council for consideration once the administrative process is complete.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 COMMITTEES – NONE

9.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

9.3.1 Deputy Mayor Nicoll – Environmental Protection Framework

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on the approach to implementing management’s Environmental Protection Framework.

Deputy Mayor Nicoll noted that this motion came in response to recommendations contained in the Auditor General’s report -- A Performance Review of Risk Management: Fuel Spill at Halifax Transit © as presented to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee on May 20, 2015. She indicated that the staff report should explore what the framework may look like including how the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee could be engaged and whether there will be a new section added to staff reports.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer noted that staff monitor all recommendations coming from the Auditor General and move them through the organization accordingly.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. MOTIONS – NONE

11. IN CAMERA

11.1 Minutes – May 14, 2015

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee approve the In Camera minutes of May 14, 2015 as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to a personnel matter about an identifiable individual/individuals or body with who the municipality has a direct interest.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher to convene to an In Camera session to address personnel matters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee convened to an In Camera session at 1:22 p.m. to address items 11.2.1 and 11.2.2.

11.2.1 Citizen Nominations to the Board of the Halifax Water Commission

This matter was discussed In Camera. Nominations were forwarded to Regional Council for consideration.

11.2.2 Citizen Nominations to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board

This matter was discussed In Camera. Nominations were forwarded to Regional Council for consideration.

12. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The Chair noted that the two scheduled summer meetings of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee will only take place if required. The Committee agreed to leave the schedule to the Chair's discretion.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Ms. Phoebe Smith
Legislative Assistant