



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Jennifer Watts, Chair
 Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Vice-Chair
 Councillor Bill Karsten
 Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
 Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
 Mr. Josh Judah, Solicitor
 Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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 Standing Committee are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCenv>

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair turned over the meeting to the Legislative Assistant. The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple

THAT Councillor Watts be nominated Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none it was MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple

THAT nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Legislative Assistant declared Councillor Watts to be Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor Watts then assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Johns

THAT Councillor Dalrymple be nominated Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations. There being none it was MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Johns

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair declared Councillor Dalrymple to be Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 23, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the minutes of November 23, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Karsten requested that Information Item 4 - Weed Harvesting in Lake Banook & Lake Micmac be forwarded to members of the Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council.

Councillor Nicoll joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**
- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**
- 6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**
- 11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee adopt the proposed 2016 meeting schedule as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Presentation of Findings from the EU-Canada Urban Policy Cooperation

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated January 5, 2016
- A staff presentation dated January 14, 2016

Ms. Shannon Miedema, Acting Manager, Energy & Environment provided a presentation to the Standing Committee outlining the EU-Canada Urban Policy Cooperation municipal exchanges and the lessons learned by staff. She noted that Tallinn has undertaken several initiatives that may be of interest to the municipality, including waste to energy, fair and free public transit for residents, and paperless city management.

Responding to questions of clarification, Ms. Miedema noted that the policy exchange program is a global initiative to which municipalities across Canada were invited to apply and four were selected. She informed Committee members that there was no cost to the municipality for participating.

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Ms. Miedema also advised the Standing Committee that staff are in discussions regarding a bioswale demonstration in fulfillment of the project component of the program. She highlighted that the relationship with program partners is envisioned to be ongoing with further opportunities for collaboration.

In the ensuing discussion, Ms. Miedema agreed to provide Standing Committee members with additional information regarding the outcomes of the free transit initiatives and other projects that are being undertaken by exchange participants. She also agreed to provide information regarding the transit program to the Transportation Standing Committee.

The Chair thanked Ms. Miedema for the presentation.

- 12.2 COMMITTEES - NONE**
- 12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE**
- 13. MOTIONS - NONE**

- 14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

There was no In Camera (In Private) session held. The following was approved in public session.

14.1. In Camera (In Private) Minutes – November 23, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 23, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**
- 16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**
- 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday, February 4, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**
- 18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Phoebe Rai
Legislative Assistant