



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 9, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Jennifer Watts, Chair
Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Vice Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Bill Karsten

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Ms. Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Ben Fairbanks, Solicitor
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. and the Standing Committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the minutes of May 12, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition: 15.1 Councillor Nicoll – Environmental Protection Framework Information Report

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 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

10.1 Correspondence

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- Correspondence dated May 11, 2016 from Paul Taylor
- Correspondence dated June 6, 2016 from Shalom Mandaville

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence received under item 10.1 from Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Shalom Mandaville was distributed to Standing Committee members.

10.2 Petitions - None

10.3 Presentations - None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF - NONE

12.2 COMMITTEES - NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Councillor Watts – Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Councillor Watts stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Dalrymple assumed the Chair.

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Watts.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request that staff prepare a report outlining the opportunities and challenges for HRM with a full EPR model for paper and packaging.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Watts resumed the Chair.

12.3.2 Councillor Karsten – Residential Component to the Urban Forest Master Plan

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Karsten.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on when the residential component of the Urban Forest Master Plan will be implemented and the process to extend this program to the public.

The Committee expressed interest in receiving options to support the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) on private property including residential and commercial and information regarding best practices.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3.3 Councillor Watts – Community Energy Plan Information Report

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated May 10, 2016
- A Request for Standing Committee's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Watts.

Councillor Watts stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Dalrymple assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the Community Energy Plan information report to Regional Council as an information report.

Responding to questions of clarification, Ms. Shannon Miedema, Manager of Energy & Environment noted that the intention of the Community Energy Plan is to develop an agreed upon set of actions, timelines and responsibilities amongst NGOs, the business community, and residents. In order to seek recommitment from stakeholders, staff intend to pursue additional engagement to finalize the plan and return to the Standing Committee in September for approval.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Watts resumed the Chair.

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) - NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Councillor Nicoll – Environmental Protection Framework Information Report

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated May 6, 2016
- A Request for Standing Committee's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Nicoll.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the information report dated May 6, 2016 to Regional Council for their information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Shalom Mandaville, Dartmouth shared a handout with the Standing Committee entitled "Theoretical TP modelling and field values" and provided commentary with respect to hindcasting total phosphorus values in local and upstream watersheds. Mr. Mandaville recommended that the Standing Committee request a public hearing on Lake Carrying Capacities.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - July 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (if required) or Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Phoebe Rai
Legislative Assistant