



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 6, 2016**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns

**OTHER COUNCIL
MEMBERS:** Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF: Ms. Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Office
Mr. Josh Judah, Solicitor
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 8, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the minutes of September 8, 2016 be approved.

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

Additions:

10.3.1 Councillor Karsten – Proposed Motion Following Presentation

13.1 Councillor Nicoll – Information Item 2

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor Mancini

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 - None

10.2 Petitions - None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Jeff Knapp – Halifax Regional Water Commission – Cogswell District Energy System

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A Power Point presentation entitled, Cogswell District Energy Feasibility Study – HRM – Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee, October 6, 2016.

Mr. Jeff Knapp, Manager, Energy Efficiency, Halifax Regional Water Commission provided a presentation in regard to District Energy Systems (DES), and elaborated on a feasibility study Halifax Water commissioned for a Cogswell District Energy System. Mr. Knapp explained that the study developed a concept design for a wastewater heat recovery based district energy system that recovers waste heat from the Halifax Wastewater Treatment Facility effluent stream and provides heating, cooling, and domestic hot water to six blocks of buildings in the Cogswell redevelopment area. In reviewing the Study's conclusions, Mr. Knapp noted that the initial analysis shows a positive business case for the Cogswell DES but it depends on mandatory connection to the system within the Cogswell development area. Mr. Knapp outlined the next steps in the process, advising that it would start with an endorsement of the Plan from the Committee and Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on the implications of and mechanisms for mandatory connections to the District Energy System within the Cogswell redevelopment area that would provide exclusive right to provide thermal energy.

Further, that staff provide information on potential mechanisms for voluntary connection to the District Energy System by buildings outside the Cogswell redevelopment area.

Mr. Knapp responded to questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Organics Management and Processing Stakeholder Engagement – Staff Presentation

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A PowerPoint presentation entitled, Consultation Overview Compost Matters, The future of Organics Management.

Mr. Matt Keliher, Manager, Solid Waste provided a presentation on the progress of a plan for stakeholder engagement and public consultation with regard to developing a preferred approach to organics management. In his remarks, he noted, as background information on this matter, the current organics facilities are over 17 years old and have reached their processing capacity. As well, new compost maturity guidelines were adopted by Nova Scotia Environment in 2010 with compliance expected by 2019/20.

Mr. Keliher responded to questions.

Further on in the meeting, the Committee passed a motion to circulate the information report regarding this matter to Regional Council. See page 4.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Extended Producer Responsibility

The following was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 12, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request staff prepare a report outlining the opportunities and challenges of EPR for HRM once the province-wide review of the solid waste management system has been completed.

Mr. Keliher responded to questions.

The Chair made reference to the staff report and recommendation and advised that, it is unfortunate because a lot of work has been done on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) but it has stalled at the Provincial level because the Province intends to review the whole system. She added that she hoped the Standing Committee would continue to monitor this matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 COMMITTEES - NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Nicoll – Information Item 2

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Information Report (Information Item 2) dated September 28, 2016 from the Director of Transportation and Public Works RE Organics Management and processing Stakeholder Engagement be forwarded to Regional Council by e-mail.

Councillor Nicoll advised that she felt it was important for members of Council to receive the information report as soon as possible, and because there is no Regional Council meeting before the Municipal Election where the report would usually be forwarded, she wanted the report e-mailed to members of Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) - NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one came forward to address the Committee during public participation.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, December 7, 2016; 1:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant