



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 7, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Richard Zurawski, Vice Chair
Councillor Steve Streach
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll

STAFF: Ms. Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Derk Slaunwhite, Senior Solicitor
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

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

Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Karsten, nominated Councillor Tony Mancini as Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, **Councillor Mancini was declared Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

Councillor Mancini took the Chair at this time.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary, nominated Councillor Blackburn as Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cleary, nominated Councillor Zurawski as Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations, there being none.

There being more than one nomination, a vote by secret ballot was taken, with the results counted by the Solicitor.

Mr. Derk Slaunwhite, Senior Solicitor, **declared Councillor Zurawski as Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 6, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of October 6, 2016 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

15.1 Illegal Dumping – Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Zurawski,

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 and DELEGATIONS
 - 10.1 Correspondence - None
 - 10.2 Petitions - None
 - 10.3 Presentations - None
- 11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE
- 12. REPORTS
 - 12.1 STAFF
 - 12.1.1 Councillor Appointment – Executive Standing Committee

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary,

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint Councillor Tony Mancini to the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2018.

Councillors Streach and Hendsbee joined the meeting at this time.

Noting that, as per an email from the Clerk's Office, each member of Council is required to serve on two Standing Committees, Councillor Cleary suggested that Councillor Zurawski may be an appropriate appointment to the Executive Standing Committee.

Councillor Karsten noted that traditionally the Chair of each Standing Committee comprised the membership of the Executive Standing Committee.

The Legislative Assistant confirmed that if Councillor Zurawski was interested in serving on a Standing Committee other than Executive, adjustments could be looked at on a later date.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 12.1.2 Councillor Appointment – Halifax Water Commission

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary,

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint Councillor Steve Streach to the Halifax Water Commission for a term to November 2018.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations, hearing none.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Solicitor confirmed that two further nominations to the Halifax Water Commission are required from members of Council at large, to be ratified by Regional Council.

The Chair indicated that members have information before them noting which members of Council are interested in serving on the Halifax Water Commission.

At the request of members, Mr. Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk, advised that he is not aware of any limits on the number of terms served by a member of Council on the Halifax Water Commission. He noted that changes are forthcoming to the Water Commission Terms of Reference in the spring, and there will be another opportunity at that time to make appointments.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary,

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint Councillor David Hendsbee to the Halifax Water Commission as a Member at Large from Regional Council for a term to November 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At the request of members, the Municipal Clerk advised that Councillor Walker has been a member of the Halifax Water Commission since November 2010.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski,

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint Councillor Lisa Blackburn to the Halifax Water Commission as a Member at Large from Regional Council for a term to November 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Councillor Appointment – Community Design Advisory Committee

Responding to questions from Members, the Solicitor indicated that the Terms of Reference for the Community Design Advisory Committee calls for the appointment of the Chair or Designate of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee. He indicated that practice is normally to appoint a designate, and the Chair confirmed his agreement with this approach.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint the Councillor Shawn Cleary to the Community Design Advisory Committee for a term to November 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Councillor Appointment – National Zero Waste Council

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint Councillor Zurawski to the National Zero Waste Council for a term to November 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.5 Councillor Appointment – Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Management – Regional Chairs Committee

Councillor Karsten noted that it has been the tradition to nominate the Chair for this position.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary,

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee appoint Councillor Tony Mancini to the Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Management - Regional Chairs Committee for a term to November 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.6 2017 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.7 Review of Report Requests

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff report dated November 25, 2016.

Members discussed the three outstanding report requests from the Standing Committee, with it being noted that the Residential Component to the Urban Forest master Plan report is forthcoming at the next meeting, and the other two reports were just requested at the previous meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee approve maintaining the list of report requests, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the November 25, 2016 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 COMMITTEES - NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) - NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Illegal Dumping - Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on the feasibility of providing grant opportunities for organizations and community groups to address litter and illegal dumping clean up initiatives.

Members discussed the motion, with the following comments noted:

- There have been many staff reports prepared on these issues over the years.
- Litter pick up should be the responsibility of community groups and individuals.
- There are other avenues for addressing the problem of litter that are a more feasible solution.
- Illegal dumping is a bigger problem in rural areas than in urban and suburban.
- The focus should be on removal of larger items and electronic waste in rural areas, as they can be more expensive to dispose of.
- A suggestion that “grants” be removed from the motion and be replaced by “partnering opportunities”.

Councillor Hendsbee noted that the larger problem of illegal dumping needs creative ways to be addressed and enforced. As an example, he suggested look at partnerships opportunities with home hardware stores, to have a disposal bin for roof shingles and construction debris in rural areas.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Streach, that the motion be amended to read:

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on creative initiatives to prevent illegal dumping.

Councillor Zurawski commented that the motion is too restrictive and that there are three main issues that need to be addressed: illegal dumping, littering, and refuse in our waterways. He suggested that the motion be broadened to have these three issues addressed in the staff report.

Ms. Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy CAO, indicated that including these three large issues in the report would require a significant amount of time, and suggested separating illegal dumping from littering and refuse in waterways, to avoid delaying action on the illegal dumping issue. She suggested preparing a more detailed motion to be brought forward in January on the issues of litter and refuse in waterways. Councillor Cleary offered assistance to Councillor Zurawski in preparing this motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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, January 12, 2017; 1:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant