

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

**ENERGY AND UNDERGROUND SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 24, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor Andrew Younger, Chair
Councillor Steve Adams
Councillor Debbie Hum
Councillor Barry Dalrymple

REGRETS: Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse
Councillor Sue Uteck

STAFF: Mr. Angus Doyle, Manager of Utilities Coordination
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Julian Boyle, Energy Auditor
Mr. Phil Townsend, Acting Director, Infrastructure and Asset
Management
Mr. Jamie Hannam, Director of Engineering & Information
Services, Halifax Water
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 10:45 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum that the minutes of January 16, 2009 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. **APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS / ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that the agenda, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/DEFERRED ITEMS:** None

5. **REPORTS:**

5.1 **EUGS Co-Location Reserve Funding Modification**

5.2 **Guiding Principles: Energy Efficiency Projects Funding Strategy**

The Chair noted that items 5.1 and 5.2 pertain to the same matter so they would be dealt with together.

A staff report dated March 10, 2009 was submitted.

Mr. Julian Boyle advised that in January the Committee had passed motion in regard to the Energy Efficiency Funding Strategy, endorsing the staff recommendation, but with a slight amendment. He noted that the Committee recommended *all* savings from projects be used to fund future energy efficiency projects. Mr. Boyle explained that staff wanted to ensure there would be no confusion in the utilizing of the EUGS Reserve as a self sustaining funding mechanism, so staff developed guiding principles in this regard. He indicated that the recommendation in the new report is the same, but has been more clearly defined, and that staff have brought the report back to the Committee for approval on the guiding principles, prior to sending it to Regional Council.

Mr. Boyle and Mr. Phil Townsend reviewed the guiding principles and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Hum that the Energy and Underground Services Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. **Approve the concept of using energy savings from projects to fund future energy efficiency projects with the following guiding principles as per the attached business case:**
 - **Energy projects shall be considered on a case by case basis.**
 - **Energy efficiency savings shall be recovered and allocated**

to the Energy and Underground Service Co-Location Reserve

- **Energy efficiency funding in the Reserve Q131 shall not be permitted to exceed \$2 million.**
- **Non repayable loans shall only be considered for preliminary energy efficiency studies or audits and can not exceed 10% of funds available in the reserve.**
- **Projects that must be submitted and approved as part of the capital budget process do not require EUGS committee approval.**

2. **Amend the original January 16, 2009 EUGS Report to incorporate the guiding principles for Regional Council approval as per Appendix A.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6 **ADDED ITEMS:** None

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 22, 2009

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant