

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

ENERGY AND UNDERGROUND SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 7, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Andrew Younger, Chair
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Sue Uteck
Councillor Sheila Fougere

STAFF: Mr. Angus Doyle, Manager of Utilities Coordination,
Traffic & Right-of Way Services
Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director, Infrastructure and Asset
Management
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Julian Boyle, Energy Auditor, Infrastructure and Asset
Management
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

The Chair advised that representatives from High Performance Energy Systems were in attendance to provide a presentation on Green Thermal Energy. He explained that the presentation would be heard in the public portion of the meeting, but that the Committee would reserve any discussion on the issue until the In Camera meeting. The Chair pointed out that the Committee members would be permitted to ask questions of a technical nature only.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Fougere that the minutes of June 20, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS / ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

In Camera Addition:

- Halifax Harbour Solutions Project Contracts Update

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

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. ADDED ITEMS:

6.1 High Performance Energy Systems - Presentation

Mr. Tim Cranston, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, High Performance Energy addressed the Committee and introduced the following representatives of the company: Mr. Jim Bardsley, Mr. Dave Stewart, and Mr. Peter Beaini.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation concerning this item was submitted.

Mr. Cranston's presentation outlined some of the key points of a study they conducted on the feasibility of Green Thermal Utility. He noted the following:

- the concept of Green Thermal Utility would be done in three phases with an overall Project cost of \$23.6 million; and assumes that the Alderney 5, Queen's Square and King's Wharf will be anchor customers.
- the study concluded that the system can be viable for investment but less so for pure private enterprise; it is economically viable particular with the public being involved. The concept is worthy of being looked at and considered at the next level.

In response to a question, Mr. Cranston advised that the developer of King's Wharf has an opportunity to save \$9 million capital costs by hooking up to the system.

The Chair thanked Mr. Cranston and the other representatives for their presentation.

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2008

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. and the Committee convened an In Camera session.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant