



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 3, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair  
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair  
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Shawn Cleary

REGRETS: Councillor Pam Lovelace

STAFF: Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development  
Joshua Judah, Senior Solicitor  
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the minutes of March 4, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**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 Legislative Assistant noted that three pieces of correspondence were submitted and circulated to the Standing Committee.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Our HRM Alliance 7 Solutions – Meredith Baldwin, Our HRM Alliance Coordinator**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A presentation request dated March 18, 2021
- A presentation entitled: Our HRM Alliance

A copy of presentation is available at [Halifax.ca](http://Halifax.ca)

Meredith Baldwin, Our HRM Alliance Coordinator provided a presentation on Our HRM Alliance's Seven Solutions and proposals for sustainable development as part of Regional Plan Review. A copy of the presentation is on file.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **12. REPORTS**

### **12.1 STAFF**

#### **12.1.1 Water Quality Monitoring Policy & Program Development**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 6, 2021
- A staff presentation dated June 3, 2021

Emma Wattie, Environmental Performance Officer - Water Resources Specialist, provided a brief overview of a proposed water quality monitoring program. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Councillor Morse, Vice Chair assumed the role of a presiding officer for Item 12.1.1.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to adopt and implement a detailed water quality monitoring program based on Framework 1 as outlined by AECOM in their Water Quality Monitoring Policy and Program Development Report, as outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated May 6, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **12.1.2 Regional Plan Review: Themes & Directions Report Presentation**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff presentation dated June 3, 2021

Kate Greene, Program Manager, Regional Policy Regional Planning provided an overview of Regional Plan Review Themes and Directions. A copy of the presentation is on file.

### **12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

### **12.3 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – NONE**

## **13. MOTIONS – NONE**

## **14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

## **15. ADDED ITEMS**

## **16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Karen McKendry, Ecology Action Center (EAC)**, shared EAC's responses to the Regional Plan Review Themes and Directions report. McKendry pointed out needs for clarification regarding HRM's conflicting approach to Sandy Lakes and Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes area as growth centers but also areas of environmental protection. McKendry then proposed Charter changes for better protection of environment. McKendry concluded by highlighting importance of conceptualizing wilderness parks as opportunities to work on climate change, protect biodiversity and wilderness, and proposed park strategy.

## **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 7, 2021\* *if required***

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama  
Legislative Assistant