



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 2, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair  
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair  
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Mike Savage  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Trish Purdy  
Councillor Patty Cuttell  
Councillor Iona Stoddard

**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 1:04 p.m., and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:32 p.m., and reconvened at 2:40 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:43 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

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

**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 one piece of correspondence was received from John Cascadden.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 The Honourable Tim Halman, Minister of Environment, Government of Nova Scotia**

Tim Halman, Minister of Environment, Government of Nova Scotia gave an overview of the province's new legislation – *Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act* - and responded to questions from the Standing Committee.

Nancy Rondeaux, Executive Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change,  
Brianna Faulkner, Principal Advisory to Minister Tim Halman, Scott Farmer, Deputy Minister of

Environment and Climate Change and Lorrie Roberts, Executive Director of Policy for the Department of Environment and Climate Change also responded to questions from the Standing Committee.

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

**12. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS**

**12.1 STAFF**

**12.1.1 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee 2022 Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

**THAT Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee approve the proposed 2022 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.**

In response to a question from members of the Standing Committee, the Chair noted that January 13, 2022 meeting date might be reconsidered due to the time conflict for members of the standing committee. Details will be discussed during a future agenda review meeting.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee convene to In Camera (in private) to discuss a personal matter.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend Regional Council make appointments to Regional Watersheds Advisory Board as discussed during the In Camera (In Private) session.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

## Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

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**John Cascadden**, a resident of Lewis Lake area, spoke to extended producer responsibility (EPR) for Non-Recyclable Plastics and textiles, COP26 and Canada's commitment to reduce methane emissions. Cascadden spoke to the following requests for the Committee's consideration:

- Request that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend to Regional Council to continue to honour the existing 1999 contractual Agreement between Halifax Regional Municipality and the Halifax Waste Resource Society.
- Request that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council work with Nova Scotia Environment to ban Textiles and All Plastic Waste materials from the Otter Lake Landfill and that Extended Producer Responsibility programs be put into place for Textiles and All Plastic materials.
- Request that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that a Pilot Project be carried out to determine the biodegradable state of the Waste Stabilization Facility's organic material output after extending the processing beyond 21 days to the maximum possible period.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – *December 15, 2021*

### **19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Haruka Aoyama  
Legislative Assistant