



**APPEALS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 11, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Lindell Smith

REGRETS: Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Scott Hill, Supervisor, Regional Compliance
Karen MacDonald, Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Kim Johnson, Legislative Support

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

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The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 30, 2023 and December 11, 2023

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of November 30, 2023 and December 11, 2023 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 Smith, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations – None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES: APPEALS

12.1.1 CF-2023-030140, 92 Kelly Road, Wellington

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated December 19, 2023
- Staff presentation dated January 11, 2024

The Chair confirmed the appellant was present.

Peter Popperl, Compliance Officer II gave a presentation showing photographs of the property taken January 9, 2024. Popperl spoke to the accumulated debris throughout the property, including scrap metal,

wood, plastics, bagged solid waste and recyclables, used appliances and furniture, used outdoor equipment, vehicle parts and tires, and other scattered debris.

Leonard Metham, appellant spoke to their advanced age, health issues and other challenges impeding their clean up of the property. Metham indicated they lost their vehicle in the flooding in 2023 which prevented their ability to remove items from the property. Metham responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee. Metham confirmed they were aware that the Halifax Regional Municipality could remediate the property and subsequently place a lien on the property but preferred to continue the clean up themselves. Metham requested an extension to April 2024 due to winter weather conditions.

Karen MacDonald, Solicitor advised the Standing Committee of the two options available to provide the appellant more time to clean debris from the property. The Standing Committee had the option to defer the appeal or proceed with a vote on the motion to allow the appeal as required by Administrative Order One. The Standing Committee could vote to deny the appeal, if desired, then the Standing Committee could move to extend the compliance period on the Order to Remedy.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Appeals Standing Committee allow the appeal.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Appeals Standing Committee amend the compliance period in the Order to Remedy for Case CF-2023-030140, 92 Kelly Road, Wellington issued November 16, 2023, Appendix D of the staff report dated December 19, 2023 to 90 days.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 8, 2024

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Kim Johnson
Legislative Support