



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 7, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Kathryn Morse
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Pam Lovelace

STAFF: Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment & Climate Change
Elise Martino, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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 1:31 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.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 – December 7, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of December 7, 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 Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Morse

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

10.3.1 Hemlock Woolly Adelgid: Preparing HRM for this Invasive Species – Donna Crossland

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated February 7, 2024
- Presentation dated March 7, 2024

Donna Crossland gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Proposed Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated February 13, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing urging timely action on the adoption of the 2020 National Building Code.

Councillor Mancini stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

Shannon Miedema, Director, Environment & Climate Change and Kevin Boutilier, Manager, Clean Energy responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 4, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant