



**ENVIROMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
December 5, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Laura White  
Councillor Janet Steele  
Councillor Nancy Hartling

**REGRETS:** Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair

**STAFF:** John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet & Environment  
Josh Judah, Solicitor  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In the absence of a Chair and Vice Chair, the Standing Committee agreed to begin the meeting with member Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon acting as Chair.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 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.

### **1.1 Annual Election Chair**

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor Steele

**THAT Councillor Mancini be nominated Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

Councillor Mancini was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

**THAT Councillor Mancini be appointed Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Mancini was declared the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

### **1.2 Annual Election Vice Chair**

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be nominated Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

**THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be appointed Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon was declared the Vice Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair in the absence of Councillor Mancini.

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## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 3, 2024**

The Committee noted that item 11 be corrected to read ‘...and its contribution to climate change’ after Otter Lake Landfill.

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

**THAT the minutes of October 3, 2024 be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Steele

**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 Presentation – None**

## **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 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Councillor Nominations and Appointments**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 26, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

**THAT Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee:**

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- 1. Nominate one (1) Councillor from the members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, for appointment by Halifax Regional Council, to serve on the board of the Halifax Regional Water Commission for a term to November 2026;**
- 2. Appoint one (1) Councillor from the members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to serve on the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Committee, for a term to November 2026;**
- 3. Appoint one (1) Councillor from the members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee as the alternate to the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Committee, for a term to November 2026; and**
- 4. Appoint one (1) Councillor from the members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to serve on the Executive Standing Committee, for a term to November 2026.**

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT Councillor Steele be nominated to serve on the board of the Halifax Regional Water Commission.**

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT Councillor Hartling be nominated to serve on the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Committee.**

Annie Sherry, Public Appointments Coordinator responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor White

**THAT Councillor Mancini be nominated to serve on the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Committee.**

A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect one member to serve on the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Committee. Councillor Hartling was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Steele

**THAT Councillor Mancini be nominated to serve as an alternate on the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Committee.**

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT Councillor White be nominated to serve on the Executive Standing Committee.**

The questions was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

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- 4. Appoint Councillor White to serve on the Executive Standing Committee, for a term to November 2026.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **13.1.2 Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated December 5, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Hartling

**THAT Environment and Sustainability approve the proposed 2025 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.**

**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 – February 6, 2025**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant