



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 6, 2025**

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

STAFF: Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks & Recreation
Elise Martino, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 – June 5, 2025

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the minutes of June 5, 2025 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 Deagle Gammon, 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 Presentations

10.3.1 Céó Gaudet – Update on Stormwater Management in HRM

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated April 29, 2025
- Presentation dated August 6, 2025
- Handout dated April 2, 2025

Céó Gaudet, A Thousand Lakes gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Richmond Campbell and Mike Lancaster – Community Based Wilderness Stewardship

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated May 6, 2025
- Presentation dated August 6, 2025

Richmond Campbell, Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization and Mike Lancaster, St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

David Hodd, Project Manager, Green Network Plan responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Office to prepare a staff report that assesses and makes recommendations on the development of a community-based stewardship program for municipal wilderness parks, that includes the identification of possible staff resources for a coordinator and other financial implications including consultation with relevant community groups.

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks & Recreation and Elise Martino, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Councillor White proposed that the word 'municipal' be struck out of the motion. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Office to prepare a staff report that assesses and makes recommendations on the development of a community-based stewardship program for wilderness parks, that includes the identification of possible staff resources for a coordinator and other financial implications including consultation with relevant community groups.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kelly Schnare, Re-Imaging Atlantic Harbours and Chloe Lajoie, Watersheds Canada spoke on the Natural Edge Program and how their organizations support and monitor shoreline naturalization. Schnare and Lajoie responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Halifax Solar City Program Update – 2024

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 4, 2025
- Staff presentation dated August 6, 2025

MOVED by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee receive the report for information and presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Kevin Boutilier, Manager, Clean Energy gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Elise Martino, Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 4, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant