



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
September 4, 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: John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet and Environment
Elise Martino, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 – August 6, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of August 6, 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 White, seconded by Councillor Hartling

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 Shelda Cochrane - Assisting HRM in Diverting Textiles and Other Goods from Landfill

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated June 12, 2025
- Presentation dated September 4, 2025

Shelda Cochrane and Casey Spidle, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Kelly Schnare – The Natural Edge Program

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated July 21, 2025
- Handout dated September 4, 2025
- Presentation dated September 4, 2025

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Kelly Schnare, Re-imagining Atlantic Harbours for 2050 gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Howard Epstein, Halifax spoke on the proposed widening of Robie Street, the implications of light rail and a courts decision on the removal of bike lanes in Ontario. A handout was provided for the record.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Management Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 30, 2025
- Staff presentation dated September 4, 2025

Shauna Doll, Environmental Professional gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) Treatment and Management Plan, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 30, 2025;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to initiate treatment of eastern hemlocks with a focus on the 15 priority parks identified within the HWA Treatment and Management Plan; and**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the actions contained in the HWA Treatment and Management Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.**

Doll and Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment 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 – October 2, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant