



**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 2, 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 & Environment
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 1:01 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 – September 4, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the minutes of September 4, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 16.1 – Councillor Austin – Solar City Enhancement

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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 HalifACT 2024/25 Annual Progress Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Revised staff report dated September 25, 2025
- Staff presentation dated October 2, 2025

Kevin Boutilier, Manager, Clean Energy gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the HalifACT 2024/25 Annual Progress Report to Halifax Regional Council for information.

Councillor Deagle Gammon proposed that the HalifACT 2024/25 Annual Progress Report be forwarded to Halifax Regional Council for presentation. 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 Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee forward the HalifACT 2024/25 Annual Progress Report to Halifax Regional Council for information and presentation.

Boutilier, Collen Gosse, Environmental Professional, Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment, John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet & Environment and Natasha Winters, Manager, Climate Governance 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

16.1 Councillor Austin – Solar City Enhancement

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for consideration form from Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on ways to increase participation in HRM's Solar City program, including consideration for improving the interest rate and extending the payback period.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 6, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant