

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES May 26, 2004

PRESENT: Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chairman
Ms. Catherine Lunn, Vice-Chair
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Mr. Pierre Clement
Ms. Christine Hoehne
Mr. Peter Connor
Ms. Stephanie Bird
Dr. Don Gordon
Councillor Ron Cooper

**ABSENT WITH
REGRETS:** Dr. Mark Trevorrow
Dr. Hugh Millward
Dr. Ron Beazley

STAFF: Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner II
Mr. Jeff Spares, Design Engineer
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Millie Hull, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following errors in the April 28, 2004 minutes were noted:

Page 1 - Mr. Don Gordon is listed as being present and as sending regrets at the meeting of April 28, 2004. Mr. Gordon was absent from that meeting.

Page 4 - Item 5.1 under Conflict of Interest "Mr. Paul Connor" should read "Mr. Peter Connor".

Page 7 - Item 8.1 add "Manzer" after "Ms." on the first line of the third paragraph.

MOVED by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Ms. Lunn that the minutes of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board held on April 28, 2004, be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions:

8.1 Woodland Avenue Public Participation Committee

5.1 Shubie Canal Lock 1 Improvements

It was agreed to move this item up on the agenda immediately following the approval of the agenda.

MOVED by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Clement, that the Approval of the Order of Business and Approval of Additions and Deletions, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.1 Shubie Canal Lock 1 Improvements

Mr. Jeff Spares, Design Engineer, Design Services introduced Mr. Mike Martell, P.Eng., of O'Halloran Campbell Consultants Limited. With the aid of area maps, Mr. Martell made a presentation with respect to the work that will be undertaken at Lock 1. He outlined the orientation of the area as it is today and the renovations that are to be done. He advised the Board the construction was the result of a request from the Shubie Canal Commission to upgrade the structure and at the same time to construct the canal as close to the historical design as possible.

An overview of the proposed work included

- a schedule of the proposed work
- explanation of the scope of the work, as follows:
 - establish a berm in the lake to allow work on the lock
 - plan to upgrade the overflow area
 - lower water level in the lock
 - modify lock - similar to Lock 5 in Shubie Park
 - replace lock and flow valves and modify gates
 - landscape surrounding areas and establish a formal parking area on the south side of the Canal.

The Board members had concerns due to the National Canoe Championships being held on Lake Banook August 31 to September 5. The Consultant agreed to investigate a scheduling option that would address this concern.

The Board also raised a concern with the number of parking spaces for those attending Regattas, etc., on Lake Banook, and the problem of the ability to turn around. Discussion ensued as to the advisability of paving the area and putting in a turning circle.

Dr. Gordon noted that a request had been before the Board to raise the water level on Lake Mic Mac. He went on to note that when developers are proposing changes to the locks they should be aware such requests do come forward.

Another concern that was raised was that Lock 1 may contain contaminated sediments. It was anticipated that any such pollutants could be pushed downstream. Later in the meeting, the Board requested a memo be sent to Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Services, expressing this concern and including a request that more time be taken to investigate the contaminants in the lock and their affect on the lake before the tender is approved.

The discussion continued with Mr. Martell responding to additional questions from the Board.

The Board requested they be updated on decisions made and to see the construction plan before the project proceeds.

Ms. Manzer thanked Mr. Martell for his presentation.

3A PRESENTATION - ECOLOGY ACTION CENTRE - Halifax Harbour Coalition

Mr. Jerry Mackinlay, Halifax Harbour Watershed Restoration Coalition, made a verbal presentation and provided a brief description on the Coalition and their mandate. On behalf of the Halifax Harbour Watershed Restoration Coalition he invited the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board to participate in the coalition and on their Board of Directors. He submitted a copy of their draft action plan and terms of reference.

A discussion ensued after which Ms. Manzer thanked Mr. MacKinlay for his presentation.

Later in the meeting concern was expressed that involvement in this group is not part of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board's mandate. The Board requested that Legal Services be asked to comment on whether participation is appropriate.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Building Permit Review Guidelines

Ms. Manzer and Mr. Connor are to review and provide input on the revised guidelines.

4.2 Lake Levels on Mic Mac

Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner II, advised that a staff report will be provided for the June meeting.

4.3 Tour of Lakes - Set Date

- A list of previous lake tours with maps was before the Board for discussion.

Ms. Manzer and Dr. Gordon are to review and provide the Board with a list of lakes and dates. Ms. Manzer thanked Dr. Hellenbrand for providing the submitted lake tour report.

4.4 Regional Planning Update (Dr. Millward)

- A Guidebook to HRM's Alternatives for Growth was before the Board for discussion.

Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner II, provided an update on the alternatives for growth and indicated that comments can still be received and submitted through the website, the included questionnaire or at the remaining scheduled open houses.

8.1 Woodland Avenue Public Participation Committee (PPC)

Mr. Pierre Clement provided a brief report of Woodland Avenue Public Participation Committee to the Board. Ms. Catherine Lunn, the representative outside the district and the Chair of the PPC, advised that the Committee is dealing with issues in blocks and that they are currently dealing with the traffic issues in the community. Mr. Clement is to request, on behalf of the Board, that the Board see the recommendations before they are finalized by the PPC. Previous minutes of the PPC are to be circulated to the Board Members and added to the agenda of June 30, 2004 as an information item.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Shubie Canal Lock 1 Improvements

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

5.2 Reporting - Possible Wastewater Contamination

- A letter from Mr. John Sheppard, Manager, Environmental Services, dated May 10, 2004 was before the Board for discussion.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - None

7. STAFF UPDATE - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Woodland Avenue Public Participation Committee

This item was addressed earlier in the agenda.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 30, 2004.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Millie Hull
Legislative Assistant