

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 31, 2007

PRESENT: Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Mr. Mark McLean
Ms. Christine Hoehne
Mr. Peter Connor
Dr. Hugh Millward
Ms. Stephanie Bird
Dr. Mark Trevorrow
Mr. Pierre Clement
Councillor Gloria McCluskey

ABSENT WITH
REGRETS: Ms. Catherine Lunn, Vice-Chair
Dr. Ron Beazley

STAFF: Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer, Eastern Division, Planning
& Development Services
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 P.M.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - October 25 & November 29, 2006

October 25, 2006

Correction: Item 3, spelling of "Mr. Conner" should be "Mr. Connor".
Item 4.1, name should be "Stephanie" Bird not "Suzanne".
Item 6.1, should be main "inlet" not "outlet".

Amend: Item 5.6, change reference to "planting ivy" to "suitable vegetation".

MOVED BY Ms. Christina Hoehne, seconded by Dr. Hugh Millward that the minutes of October 25, 2006, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

November 29, 2006

Amend: Item 4, page 5, in last paragraph amend "catch basin" to "pool":

MOVED by Dr. Hugh Millward, seconded by Mr. Mark McLean that the minutes of the November 29, 2006, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Dr. Hugh Millward that the agenda, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Dartmouth Crossing**

- An e-mail dated January 25, 2007 from Mr. Tony Blouin, Manager, HRM was before the Board.

No further action required at this time.

4.2 North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer – Update

The Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board agreed to defer this matter to the February meeting as Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer, advised that staff are awaiting the CBCL report.

4.3 Lake Mic Mac Data – Webpage

- An e-mail dated January 25, 2007 from Mr. Tony Blouin, Manager, Environmental Performance (Water) was before the Board.

Mr. Blouin indicated in his e-mail that the web address for Lake Mic Mac data, and all lakes, is www.halifax.ca/environment/lakesandrivers.html.

4.4 DLAB Guidelines for Development on a Waterfront Lot

- A copy of the revised DLAB Guidelines for Development on a Waterfront Lot dated November 29, 2006 was before the Board.
- A copy of the Guidelines for any Development on a Waterfront Lot dated September 29, 2006 was before the Board.

The Committee suggested the following amendments to the Guidelines document dated November 29, 2006:

- point 4: remove the words “rock and gravel”
- point 8: Update emergency number to 1-800-565-1633. The emergency number is operational 24/7. Information from the emergency number will be forwarded to the Coast Guard/Environment Canada hotline.
- point 10: updated information to be forwarded to Ms. Cathy Spencer by Mr. Mark McLean.

Mr. Pierre Clement requested that By-Law W-101 (Wastewater Discharge By-Law) be reviewed by the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board. A copy of By-Law W-101 is to be circulated in the February agenda package.

Ms. Stephanie Bird entered the meeting at 5:38 pm.

MOVED BY Mr. Peter Connor, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Guidelines for Development on a Waterfront Lot, dated November 29, 2006, as amended, be approved, and; that the document be attached to all waterfront property permits (any property next to water). MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.5 2007 Meeting Schedule - Consideration of an Alternate Date/Time for October 31, 2007

An e-mail dated January 5, 2007, from Ms. Jo-Ann Conrad, Administrative Support, Community and Recreation Services, advised that the Findlay Centre closes at 4:30 pm on October 31st, therefore, the Centre would not be available for the DLAB meeting.

The DLAB agreed to meet one week earlier on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at the same time and location.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation: Nova Scotia Wildlife

Ms. Jennie Costello, Wildlife Biologist, Department of Natural Resources, Waverley Office, was introduced by Ms. Manzer.

Ms. Costello provided information on all forms of wildlife found in the Dartmouth area. Highlights of her presentation, in regard to wildlife around water, are as follows:

- Waterfowl banded at Sullivan's Pond, 4267 ducks banded from 1986-2003.
- Waterfowl will like the (bubbling) fountain in Sullivan's Pond as in winter it will keep the water open.
- It may not be possible to be completely rid of ducks but there are fewer.
- A Common Loon nested at Lake Mic Mac in 2005 but was not there in 2006.
- Biggest issues in freshwater habitat are habitat loss, mercury/lead poisoning. Ms. Costello advised that a lead sinker (used in fishing) could kill a loon. There is ban on lead sinkers to be introduced. Two or three dead loons per year are received by the department and sent for testing at the laboratory in Prince Edward Island. The result was that the deaths were caused by lead poisoning. She advised Councillor McCluskey that soft shelled eggs may be due to DDT poisoning which has affected the Bald Eagles and Ospreys.
- There have been Bald Eagles spotted around Sullivan's Pond, most likely searching for duck chicks. Every Bald Eagle nest in Nova Scotia is documented and there are twenty (20) in HRM (Cole Harbour, Salt Marsh Trail and one near Lake Major).
- Testing is ongoing for Avian Influenza: if five (5) or more perching birds are found dead, or three (3) waterfowl, residents are urged to contact the Department of Natural Resources at 861-2560 (Waverley Office).
- One Seal was found in Sullivan's Pond and one in Shubie/Grand Lake. There was a Seal in Lake William for about two years.
- Fresh Water Mussels are an indicator of water quality. Tests were done on Dartmouth Lakes (Banook/Mic Mac) with two species of mussels. The mussels did well and were very prolific. The finding was that mussels were virtually wiped out in

the 40 year span but those in the Dartmouth Lakes were okay. The mussels were not tested as researchers were only looking for the species.

The Board thanked Ms. Costello for her presentation.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Status of Silt Net, Lake Banook

- An e-mail dated January 26, 2007 from Mr. Tony Blouin, Manager, Environmental Performance (Water) was before the Board.

Dr. Hugh Millward commented that part of the best practices for silt nets should include a procedure for their removal.

Mr. Clement expressed concern with freedom around the stream end and the ability of wildlife stream life to move around if the silt nets are left too long. The silt nets are also unsightly.

Ms. Spencer advised that there had been numerous e-mails between staff on this matter. A staff report was requested for the next meeting in regard to information from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour's procedures for removal of silt nets.

6.2 Chairman's Report

Ms. Manzer advised that an invitation had been extended for a member of DLAB to serve on DAWN (Dartmouth Area Waterwork Network). Ms. Manzer explained that a person from DLAB may attend any meeting of DAWN as an interested citizen but that appointments were not made from DLAB to an outside group as DLAB is an advisory committee to the Harbour East Community Council (HECC). She further suggested that DAWN could forward their comments/concerns to DLAB on matters relating to Dartmouth waterworks and DLAB could provide advice to the Harbour East Community Council on the matter. She stressed that DLAB is an advisory committee not an advocacy group. She clarified the boundaries of DLAB stating that the boundaries were adjusted to be within the boundaries of the Harbour East Community Council and covers more area than the old city of Dartmouth boundary.

6.3 Staff Update

Ms. Spencer advised that Mr. Shayne Vipond, Planner, would attend the February meeting in regard to a recent wind study report for HRM. There are a number of sites being considered for wind turbines. One site is in the Lake Major watershed area.

Members of DLAB advised that there is a separate advisory committee for the Lake Major Watershed and that the information should go to them as well.

7. **ADDED ITEMS** - None

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 5:15 pm.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant