

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

March 26, 2008

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STAFF: Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:24 p.m. in the Findlay Centre Boardroom, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 30, 2008

Correction: Mr. Connor's last name was spelled incorrectly
Item 4.1 - second last bullet, insert North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer to be more specific.

MOVED BY Ms. Hoehne, seconded by Dr. Millward, that the minutes of January 30, 2008, as corrected, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED BY Dr. Millward, seconded by Mr. Trevorrow, that the agenda, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions

6.3 Delegations

6.3.1 Dartmouth Watershed Restoration Plan Study - Mr. Stephen Caines, under contract to Nova Scotia Salmon Association

Mr. Stephen Caines, Watershed Restoration Planner, provided the presentation. The following highlights were noted:

- C Mr. Caines is working under the Adopt a Stream program;
- C The goal of the project is to identify all of the sites in the Dartmouth area that require fish; primarily salmon, restoration;

- C The area encompasses Anderson Lake over to Cow Bay and everything around and in between; including Russell Lake, Morris Lake and Bissett Lake;
- C There are silt problems in Dartmouth lakes in which silt runs into streams and then into water sources;
- C The project is being led by Mr. Bob Rutherford;
- C The project started on February 18, 2008 and should be finished around April 27, 2008;
- C 1EJ is a classification number on the Nova Scotia hydrological map system;
- C The project will be looking into the following issues:
 - C a grated stream habitat;
 - C fish passage and the potential for fish passage;
 - C water quality (Ph levels);
 - C current fish stocking programs;
 - C condition of streams as a result of storm surge as this is an urban stream issue as well as an issue in Dartmouth;
 - C mussel beds in Lake Banook;
 - C at risk fish species
- C The reason why the study is being done during this season is that there is a potential for compensation programs in the summer and the study can be a guide for anyone who wants to do restoration work;
- C Mr. Caines has been working with Walter Regan, Director with the Nova Scotia Salmon Association and has also been aided by Clean Nova Scotia;
- C He would like to keep in touch with the Committee and welcomes their suggestions and input.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Caines responding to questions. The following points were noted:

- C The project is looking into ways of increasing fish passage;
- C The culvert around Portland Street and Sullivan's Pond is a huge barrier for fish passage;
- C There are no prioritized areas as of yet;
- C The Committee will forward copies of the Russell Lake Watershed Management Plan and the Morris Lake Watershed Management plan to Mr. Caines.

Ms. Hoehne left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report (oral)

The Chair advised the Committee that she had attended the Shearwater Planning Project Workshop. She stated that the attendees had broken into groups in order to discuss how the area would be developed. She noted that the runway would remain in place as it was expensive to remove, therefore, developers were planning to work with it.

Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer, stated that the attendees had also addressed land proposals; noting that Eastern Passage needed a new school. Regarding contamination on the Shearwater site, she stated that some contaminated lands could not be used for a residential area but that certain kinds of contamination could be sealed over, and, therefore, built upon. She stated that noise contours had to be taken into consideration for residential areas around the helicopter pad. Ms. Spencer also noted that there had been a desire for a recreation complex. Regarding Imperial Oil, she stated that they did not want to sell their lands, however, they would give a buffer right of way.

7.2 Staff Update (oral)

Ms. Spencer had nothing to add at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant