

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

September 1, 2010

PRESENT: Mr. Pierre Clement, Vice Chair
Ms. Christina Hoehne
Ms. Johanna Campbell
Mr. Mark McLean
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse

REGRETS: Mr. Peter Connor, Chair
Dr. Cathy Conrad
Dr. Mark Trevorrow
Mr. Peter Crowther

STAFF: Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer
Infrastructure and Asset Management
Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner
Ms. Sharon Webber, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pierre Clement, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. in Room 101 of the Findlay Centre, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 30, 2010

MOVED BY Ms. Christina Hoehne, seconded by Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand that the minutes of June 30, 2010, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 8.1 Public Meeting: Weed Problem in Dartmouth Lakes – *Mr. Pierre Clement*
 8.2 New Product Phoslock – *Mr. Mark McLean*
 8.3 Water Charter – *Mr. Cameron Deacoff*

MOVED BY Mr. Mark McLean, seconded by Ms. Christina Hoehne that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Aquatic Weed – Lake Banook / Mic Mac

On August 9, 2010 Mr. Cameron Deacoff and Ms. Christina Hoehne took samples of plant life which were below the surface of these areas. These samples were analyzed by Dr. Jeromy Lindholm, Saint Mary's University biologist. The result was that there were three specific types of growth: clasping leaf, pondweed/leafy pondweed and Canadian waterweed. All of these samples are native and will not have any ill effects to these waterways, even though they seem to be relatively abundant.

Mr. Clement asked the Board on the status of the video which was shot earlier this year. After some discussion it was decided that even though it would be great to have it was outside the scope of this Committee to continue with this project.

Mr. Clement then asked the Board if we should recommend a study be done on the plant life for these waterways to the Harbour East Community Council. Mr. Mark McLean suggested we first have a discussion with Dr. Cathy Conrad before making this recommendation.

4.2 2010 Synoptic Survey of HRM Lakes (Decadel Study)

Mr. Clement advised the Board that a meeting was held on July 24 at which time good progress was achieved. There is another meeting scheduled for September 24 at the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) at which time they will be discussing sampling protocols and how the volunteers will be distributed.

Ms. Hoehne asked if there was a firm date when this study would be conducted. Mr. Clement the date would depend on the type of winter we will have and when the water breaks up in the lakes in which samples will be taken.

Mr. Clement expressed his gratitude to the NSCC for their active role in this study. He also advised the Board that only members of the Nova Scotia Government were allowed to take the samples due to insurance purposes.

4.3 Brochure Status

Mr. Clement has agreed to have a discussion with Dr. Conrad regarding this item.

Mr. Driscoll wanted to ensure that whatever was decided that the HRM Development Office should be consulted before anything is issued.

Mr. Clement advised that this Board will work with Dr. Conrad and HRM Development to achieve the best results

4.4 Restoration Projects

Mr. McLean advised the Board that he will be contacting the Clean Nova Scotia to see what restoration projects they are currently working on. He will schedule a presentation for DLAB's meeting schedule for November 3, 2010.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Concept Plan Application – Eileen Stubbs Avenue, Burnside

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner, advised the Board that this application is now completed. This item is closed.

5.2 Case 15787 – Amendment to the Dartmouth MPS and Development Agreement – Russell Lake West

Mr. Deacoff advised the Board that our comments were included in this proposal and there was no further action required by the Board at this time. This item is closed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence – NONE

6.2 Petitions - NONE

6.3 Delegations

6.3.1 Urban Water Conservation

Councillor Peter Lund arrived at this meeting, however; due to technical issues could not complete his presentation. This presentation has been rescheduled for the October 6, 2010 meeting.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

Mr. Clement had no items to share with the Board.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Public Meeting: Weed Problem in Dartmouth Lakes

Mr. Clement advised the Board that Councillor Gloria McCluskey and Councillor Darren Fisher have called a meeting to address the weed problem in Lake Banook and Lake Mic Mac for Thursday September 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Mic Mac Aquatic Club, 192 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth.

Mr. Deacoff gave the Board a brief outline of the issues as he understood them. HRM staff have been corresponding with Environment Canada and Department of Fisheries on finding a suitable approach to the weed issues in these waterways.

Ms. Hoehne asked if this weed problem was just in these two lakes or were they in all lakes. Mr. Deacoff advised the Board that he spends a lot of his time observing all lakes within HRM and has found that there seems to be more plant life in all areas than in previous years.

8.2 Phoslock

Mr. McLean wanted to advise the Board about a new product being tested in New Brunswick which removes phosphorus from water. The City of Moncton currently has an algae growth problem in some of their lakes and is testing this product. As far as he knew this is a natural claylike material which is spread over the affected area. Mr. McLean is unaware of any issues with this product however emphasized that there were a lot of unanswered questions as well. More information can be found on their website www.phoslock.com.

8.3 Water Charter

Mr. Deacoff advised the Board that "The Council of the Federation", which is a forum for provincial and territorial premiers, met on August 6, 2010 and signed a Water Charter. He will insure that Board members are issued the Water Charter handout with a copy of these minutes. The website for this council is www.councilofthefederation.ca.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, October 6, 2010

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Sharon Webber
Legislative Support