

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

December 1, 2010

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

REGRETS: Dr. Cathy Conrad  
Mr. Peter Crowther

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

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Peter Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. in Room 101 of the Findlay Centre, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 3, 2010

Changes:

Page 3, Item 6.1, second sentence should read: “...with MLAs Andrew Younger, Marilyn Moore and Councillor Darren Fisher ...”

Page 5, Item 8.1, first sentence should read: “Mr. Clement had a discussion with Mr. Peter Connor ...”

**MOVED BY Mr. Pierre Clement, seconded by Dr. Mark Trevorrow, that the minutes of November 3, 2010, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Item 5.2 should read: “*Waterfront Living*” Brochure Project – Mr. Mark McLean

Additions: 7.1.1 Shubenacadie Canal Water Levels – Mr. Peter Connor  
7.1.2 Watershed Planning Seminar – Mr. Peter Connor

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

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

### 4.1 Appointments to the Penhorn/Woodlawn Vision Action Team – Update

Mr. Pierre Clement indicated that he has been appointed to represent DLAB on this action team. He informed the Board that they have had an informal meeting and have their first scheduled meeting December 14 or 15<sup>th</sup>. He will update the Board on the progress at future meetings.

## 5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

### 5.1 Election of Chair / Vice-Chair

Ms. Sharon Webber, Legislative Support, advised the Board of the proper procedures for the elections. She then asked the Board for nominations of which there were none.

Mr. Peter Connor and Mr. Pierre Clement were asked if they would like to remain in their current positions for the next year. They both agreed. The Board was then asked to vote to accept Mr. Peter Connor to remain as Chair and Mr. Pierre Clement as Vice-Chair.

**MOVED BY Ms. Christina Hoehne, seconded by Dr. Mark Trevorrow that Mr. Peter Connor be re-elected as Chair and that Mr. Pierre Clement be re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

## **5.2 “Waterfront Living” Brochure Project – Mr. Mark McLean**

Mr. Mark McLean advised the board that there were no changes in the current guidelines therefore the Draft document can be forwarded to the Harbour East Community Council for their approval. This document will not be reviewed until their meeting scheduled for January, 2011.

The Clerk’s office will contact Mr. Peter Connor to arrange to have his original signature on this document.

**MOVED BY Mr. Mark McLean, seconded by Mr. Pierre Clement that the Draft Proposed Project – “Waterfront Living Brochure Update” be submitted to Harbour East Community Council for their approval. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE**

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Chairman’s Report**

#### **7.1.1 Shubenacadie Canal Water Levels**

An e-mail dated November 19, 2010 from Mr. Allan Billard, Halifax Water, was circulated to the Board at this time.

Mr. Peter Connor advised the Board of a concern regarding the water levels on the Shubenacadie Canal during the recent heavy rainfall and noted that:

- the lock levels were up by about 2 feet which was a concern
- Mr. Allan Billard had a meeting with Mr. Carl Yates, General Manager of Halifax Water, in response to Mr. Connor’s concern.
- Mr. Sheldon Parsons, Halifax Water, was monitoring this situation and is responsible for monitoring the levels especially during heavy weather events.
- Halifax Water is responsible for Lake Banook and Lake Mic Mac.

Dr. Mark Trevorrow raised some concerns about having one person monitoring these lakes and inquired as to what the backup plan is in case Mr. Parsons' was not available. He also asked if Halifax Water have a good hydraulic model for the lakes and watershed.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of hydraulic model Halifax Water has and what type of strategies they have in place for heavy weather events; it was then **MOVED by Mr. Pierre Clement, seconded by Dr. Mark Trevorrow that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board invite a representative of Halifax Water to speak on their control strategies in regard to the water levels in Lake Banook, Lake Mic Mac and surrounding watershed within the Dartmouth area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **7.1.2 Watershed Planning Seminar**

A copy of the *Lake Monitoring Program Annual Newsletter* from Kentville, Kings County was circulated at this time.

A copy of the brochure "Developing Near a Lake" from Kentville, Kings County was circulated at this time.

Mr. Peter Connor advised that he had attended a Watershed Planning Seminar entitled "*The World Town Planning Day Workshop – Making Watershed Planning a Priority in Your Community*" on November 7-8, 2010 in Kentville, NS. He shared the following interesting facts:

- all volunteers
- had a walkabout of mud flats
- Clean Annapolis Basin presentation
- 35-40 people in attendance
- an HRM Planner was in attendance
- Anna McCarren (formerly from Clean Nova Scotia) coordinated the seminar
- Leanne Chisholm was the contact person.

## **8. ADDED ITEMS**

### **8.1 Oil Tank – Ms. Christina Hoehne**

Ms. Christina Hoehne advised the Board that there was a backhoe digging in her area which had uncovered an old oil tank. She asked Mr. Cameron Deacoff if he was aware of this, he was not. They will have further discussions on this matter.

### **8.2 DLAB Status – Councillor Jackie Barkhouse**

Councillor Jackie Barkhouse gave a quick update on the status of this Board. On November 30, 2010 Council gave the responsibility of reviewing and making

recommendations on how to proceed with the assignment of new committees/board to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee has been given the mandate to review and report back to Council by March 31, 2011. Once Council has reviewed the findings and made final decisions all members of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board will get a letter outlining this decision. She pointed out that things will be status quo until that time.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, January 5, 2011

**10. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Sharon Webber  
Legislative Support