

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 6, 2011

PRESENT: Pierre Clement, Acting Chair
Mark McLean
Mark Trevorrow
Klaus Hellenbrand
Johanne Campbell
Christina Hoehne

REGRETS: Peter Connor
Peter Crowther
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse

STAFF: Paul Morgan, Planner
Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer
Kathy Cooper MacDonald, Environmental Performance Officer
Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in Room 101, Findlay Centre, Dartmouth, NS.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2011

Mr. Clement suggested the following changes to the minutes:

Page 3, first line of final paragraph, following the word anyone insert *“from HRM”*

Page 4, second paragraph under Chairman’s Report, second sentence to read: *“Mr. Clement suggested that Lake Charles was not part of the regular lake control system and that the only control point is Lock No. 1”*

Page 4, third paragraph under Chairman’s Report, second to last line *“This is an applied process and could be used.”* be **deleted**.

Page 5, second paragraph under Synoptic Survey Monthly Update, third and fourth sentences to read: *“Mr. Clement indicated that ideally monitoring should be done in all types of conditions to provide or complete long term data set. He suggested the interpretation of data is done for immediate value and there were varied reasons for this.”*

Page 6, paragraph 2, first sentence to read: *“Mr. Clement asked if there were other lakes and where there have been weed problems and citizen groups being formed.”*

Page 6, final paragraph, should read: *“Mr. Clement indicated that big wind events could affect the phosphorus levels in lake because it could mix up the water from below thermocline.”*

MOVED by Dr. Trevorrow, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the minutes, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

8.1 United Gulf Property on Lake Banook

4.1 Open Water on Lake MicMac

Item 7.1 was moved up on the agenda to be considered immediately following 4.1.

MOVED by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Open Water On Lake MicMac

The Chair noted this item resulted from concern expressed by members of the Committee regarding a small patch of open water near the boat launch during the winter months. Note was made that this was an unusual circumstance.

Dr. Trevorrow reported that a test had been taken of the adjacent culvert with the results being that the temperature was slightly high. The suspicion was at the time that the open water was due to run off.

Following a brief discussion it was suggested that the open water observed during the sampling was not the one causing concern. Given that the lake freezing months are now past, the matter will be placed on the agenda for January 2012 to follow up on the matter.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Storm Water Management Policy

Mr. Clement clarified that this policy is being developed by Halifax Water. The Board has made a formal request to HECC to be permitted to participate in the process and to date have not received a response. The Deputy Clerk will follow up regarding this matter.

5.2 Spill Clean-Up Red Bridge Pond

Kathy Cooper MacDonald, Environmental Performance Officer, addressed the Committee advising that the spill clean up at Red Bridge Pond would be the responsibility of Halifax Water. Mr. John Sibbald of Halifax Water would be happy to arrange for a presentation regarding the spill clean up protocol.

Ms. Cooper MacDonald went on to note that her responsibility was in the area of oil spill impact to HRM properties. She briefly reviewed her role noting that it included coordination of remedial action and provision of environmental expertise to HRM Real Property staff.

A brief discussion ensued with note being made that depending on the circumstance, both Federal and Provincial Departments are also involved in spill clean up.

5.3 Current Target Levels – Shubenacadie Canal/Lake Banook System

This matter arose out of the Halifax Water presentation to the Committee. The Deputy Clerk will follow up with Halifax Water on this matter.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Request for Proposal (RFP) for Shubenacadie Lakes Watershed Study

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner, distributed Section 3.0, Study Scope and Requirements of the RFP for the Shubenacadie Lakes Watershed Study to the Committee. Mr. Morgan introduced himself noting that he was the HRM lead on this study. He noted that the study had come about in response to a request for development and that this Committee had a role in the study.

Mr. Morgan went on to review the scope of the study noting that it is to address the matters identified in Policy E-17 of the Regional Planning Strategy. He noted that certain specific tasks were also required including a joint meeting of stakeholder bodies including the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board. This meeting will explain the work to be done and hear any concerns/issues.

Mr. Morgan indicated that once the draft study is complete it will be presented at a public meeting at which time the consultant will respond to questions and give consideration to revisions. The draft study will then proceed to Regional Council.

Mr. Clement expressed concern that the Board be consulted as the study is developing. Mr. Morgan noted that the approach outlined above provided for Board involvement. He went on to note that the consultant would not be meeting with property owners or others without a member of staff present.

In response to a question relating to timeline, Mr. Morgan indicated that the quality of the study was paramount and as such it might take up to 18 months to complete the process.

Dr. Trevorrow noted the reference to 'marine' in subsections (d) and (f) of Policy E-17, noting that marine refers to ocean only.

Mr. McLean noted that the Federal and Provincial Departments of Environment and the Centre for Water Resources at Dalhousie may be useful resources for the consultant and HRM in regard to this study.

7.2 Chairman's Report - None

7.3 Synoptic Survey Monthly Update

Mr. Clement reported that the Synoptic Survey would be carried out Thursday, April 8, 2011 (tomorrow) He went on to note that 51 Lakes and 86 sample sites were involved. Samples will be processed at the Nova Scotia Community College lab. He further indicated that this is a joint initiative with the Nova Scotia Community College, the Department of Environment, and the Halifax Regional Municipality. Mr. Clement advised that data collected will be added to the 2000 study.

7.4 Penhorn/Woodlawn Community Vision Action Team Monthly Update

Mr. Clement advised that at the last meeting of the Action Team, drawings which depicted the vision the Planner heard expressed by the Vision group were reviewed. Central to that vision was the importance of Penhorn Lake and walkways. There were concerns around how high density development will impact Penhorn Lake in terms of numbers of people, storm water, etc.

A walking tour of Penhorn Lake has been suggested as there is not a great deal of familiarity with the Lake. Mr. Deacoff indicated that he had a document which might be useful to the Planner and he would pass this along.

7.5 Waterfront Brochure Project: Revised Guidelines

Mr. McLean noted that Ms. Walsh was to have contacted him in regard to the brochure; however, he had not heard from her to date. He advised that he will contact Ms. Walsh prior to the next meeting.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 United Gulf Property on Lake Banook

In response to a question from Ms. Hoehne as to whether this matter would come before the Committee, the Chair requested that the Deputy Clerk follow up with Planning staff to determine whether the development of this site was moving forward and whether the matter would be coming to the Committee and, if so, when.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, Room 101, Findlay Centre, Dartmouth beginning at 5:15 p.m.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk

