

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

September 5, 2012

PRESENT: Pierre Clement, Chair
Peter Connor, Vice Chair
Christina Hoehne
Johanna Campbell
Mark McLean
Mark Trevorrow

REGRETS: Councillor Jackie Barkhouse

STAFF: Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment
Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer
Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. in Room 101, Findlay Centre, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 4, 2012

Mr. Connor requested that item 8.4 be amended to read as follows: “Mr. Connor expressed concern that information about sand deposited on HRM beaches does not take into account the amount of silt that gets into the lakes.”

MOVED by Mr. McLean, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the minutes of July 4, 2012 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Christina Hoehne – Discussion re: Patrolling Dartmouth Lakes
- 8.2 Peter Connor – Discussion re: Weed Level in Sullivan’s Pond
- 8.3 Peter Connor – Discussion re: Roadway Construction behind Braemar Drive
- 8.4 Mark McLean – Discussion re: Silt Curtain in Lake Micmac
- 8.5 Pierre Clement – Discussion re: Silt Curtain on Celtic Drive Storm Sewers

MOVED by Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Campbell that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet Review

A copy of the Status Sheet was before the Board for review.

The Board agreed to remove the following items from their Status Sheet:

- Oathill Lake Conservation Society Policy Recommendations to DLAB
- Chairman’s Report – Discussion of Water Levels in Lake Banook

4.2 Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review

The following was circulated to the Board:

- Updated graph entitled: Total Phosphorus Results in Russell Lake, 1975-2012
- Graph entitled: Russell Lake South Inlet Station TP Data, 2005-2012
- Table entitled: Response to DLAB Handout #3 at Meeting, 4 July 2012
- HRM brochure entitled: Protecting our Watershed
- Spreadsheet entitled: Summary of Policy Recommendations Uptake from Russell Lake Watershed Management Plan by Dartmouth MPS

The Board noted that the frequency of the testing, as outlined on the graphs does not provide sufficient data for analysis. The Board also noted that the total phosphorus results may be affected by property development and by major weather events.

The Board discussion the first eight policy recommendations listed in the Summary of Policy Recommendations Uptake from Russell Lake Watershed Management Plan by Dartmouth MPS. The Board expressed concern about how the term “slope” is defined relative to lot size and shape. The Board also questioned how the term “additional environmental control measures” is used relative to best practices and what mechanism exists for measuring subsequent implementation. The Board agreed to continue working with the summary at the next meeting, starting at Policy 9.

Mr. MacLellan suggested that for future meetings, he could extend the Summary of Policy Recommendations Uptake from Russell Lake Watershed Management Plan by Dartmouth MPS spreadsheet by an additional column to incorporate the Board’s comments and recommendations, to which the Board agreed.

The Board requested staff provide a large map of the Russell Lake area that identifies the location of the storm sewer system and which lots have been developed for their next meeting.

The Chair requested Information Item 1 - Information Report dated August 10, 2012 entitled: Erosion & Sedimentation Control via HRM Development Processes be included for the next meeting as part of the Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review.

Ms. Campbell exited the meeting at 6:17p.m.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS -- NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence – None

6.2 Petitions – None

6.3 Delegations – None

7. REPORTS

7.1 BOARD MEMBERS

7.1.1 Chairman’s Report – *Mr. Pierre Clement (Verbal Update)*

The Chair advised that he had nothing to report on at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Christina Hoehne – Discussion re: Patrolling Dartmouth Lakes

Ms. Hoehne requested clarification from staff on the mandate of the boat patrols; whether the area patrolled is restricted to Lake Banook, and how to alert the patrol if there is an incident to report.

8.2 Peter Connor – Discussion re: Weed Level in Sullivan’s Pond

Mr. Connor expressed concern on behalf of a resident regarding the large quantity of weeds in Sullivan’s Pond.

8.3 Peter Connor – Discussion re: Roadway Construction behind Braemar Drive

Mr. Connor indicated that roadway construction is occurring behind Braemar Drive and that there are no apparent erosion or sedimentation guards in place. He requested staff inquire into this matter and report back to the Board.

8.4 Mark McLean – Discussion re: Silt Curtain in Lake Micmac

Mr. McLean expressed concern about an apparently abandoned silt curtain that has partially collapsed in the north part of Lake Micmac near Frenchman’s Brooks. He noted that such curtains are not meant to be left in place for extended periods.

8.5 Pierre Clement – Discussion re: Silt Curtain on Celtic Drive Storm Sewers

Mr. Clement expressed concern that there are no silt curtains or other controls for storm sewers on Celtic Drive and requested staff to provide information to the Board on this matter.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 3, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Support

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Information Report dated August 10, 2012 entitled: Erosion & Sedimentation Control via HRM Development Processes