

**HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes**

January 17, 2007

PRESENT: Dr. Wayne Stobo, Chair
Ms. Ellinor Williams, Vice Chair
Mr. Nathaniel Smith
Mr. Walter Regan
Mr. David Ripley
Mr. Derrill Hynick
Ross Evans
Dr. Barry Thomas
Councillor Mary Wile

STAFF: Mr. Richard Harvey, Senior Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair - 2007

Prior to the election of Chair, Dr. Stobo stepped down from the Chair with Ms. Williams, Vice-Chair taking the Chair.

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Ripley that Dr. Stobo be nominated as Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Mr. Smith that Mr. Regan be nominated as Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

There were no further nominations and the Vice Chair declared nominations closed.

Dr. Stobo and Mr. Regan left the room.

At the request of the Vice Chair, there was consensus that a vote would be taken through a show of hands. Dr. Stobo was re-elected Chair by majority vote.

Dr. Stobo and Mr. Regan returned to the meeting and Dr. Stobo assumed the Chair.

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Dr. Thomas that Ms. Williams be nominated Vice Chair.

There were no further nominations; nominations were closed and the Chair declared Ms. Williams as Vice Chair.

3. Approval of the Agenda and Additions/Deletions

For the information of the Board Mr. Regan advised of a series of public consultation workshops municipal staff were holding in regard to developing an off leash dog park strategy. He noted that detailed information can be found on HRM's website.

Councillor Wile suggested that this was something Board members may want to attend as it has relevance to the Board's concerns. In this regard she noted a situation which occurred at

Long Lake Park concerning lake contamination from dog feces.

Mr. Regan advised that he would attend one of the workshops on behalf of the Board. He added that if anyone had questions, concerns, or information they wanted to submit, they could submit it to him.

At 6:40 p.m. Mr. Ross Evans entered the meeting.

4. Items to be added to Next Agenda

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes - November 15, 2006

Referring to the minutes, Ms. Williams noted that staff were going to follow up and send the Board information on the Request for Proposals, as discussed by Mr. Duncan and Ms. Ryan in their presentation.

Mr. Regan noted that the Request for Proposals has already been posted. He added that it would be timely for the Board to comment, as HRM is entering its Community Visioning process.

The Chair requested the Legislative Assistant follow up with staff and get a copy of the RFP and circulate it to Board members.

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Ms. Williams that the minutes of November 15, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair noted that Chebucto Community Council and the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council recently re-appointed Dr. Thomas, Ms. Williams and Mr. Hynick to the Board.

6. Business Arising from Minutes/Deferred and Status Sheet Items:

6.1 Presentation to Regional Council - Update (Richard Harvey)

Mr. Harvey advised that he and Dr. Stobo have yet to arrange a time to meet with staff. He suggested this be deferred to the next meeting.

Ms. Williams questioned if the Board should hold a discussion on what the presentation will encompass.

A discussion ensued and the Chair pointed out that he believed the presentation should focus on septic systems and the cumulative affects. He added that once he and Mr. Harvey have

met with senior staff, they will have a better idea of what approach the presentation should take and the focus of the presentation given that there will only be five minutes to present the topic. He suggested that until he and Mr. Harvey meet with senior staff, the sub-committee could meet in the intervening time to work on the presentation, with the focus being on septic and the cumulative affects downstream.

6.2 Draft Recommendations - Sandy Lake and Sandy Lake Watershed

A draft report regarding Sandy Lake Watershed was submitted by Mr. Ripley.

The Board reviewed and revised the draft report with the following noted revisions:

- note in the 'Origin' section as to who brought this matter before the Board and on what date. Also, note the Board's concern over cumulative affects that continued development will have on watershed areas.
- the inputs to Sandy Lake should be tested three times a year - April, July/August, and October; with sampling for phosphorus (microgram level), ph, nitrates, fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, and suspended solids

In response to a question by Ms. Williams, Mr. Harvey advised that he believed that the area in question is in a wastewater management district, however he was not certain and would check on this.

- the Chair suggested that all the recommendations be numbered instead of the combination of numbers and bullets.
- change bullet 2 to read as follows, 'An approved erosion and sedimentation plan associated with new construction must be in place to protect'
- recommend a wastewater management plan and stormwater management plan
- ensure that the erosion and sedimentation plan approved by the Municipality is closely monitored for adherence to regulations.

The Chair advised that Mr. Ripley and Ms. Williams would revise the report and submit it to the Legislative Assistant to be submitted to Regional Council.

6.3 Grand Lake Watershed - Committee Update by Mr. Walter Regan

Mr. Regan advised that the Committee identified two zones—a red zone and a green zone and that the Committee will hold a third meeting at which it will formalize the information and will then be ready to present to Council.

6.4 Results of Receiving Water Baseline Sampling Program of September 2006 - Staff Comment

Mr. Harvey advised that he spoke with Mr. Tony Blouin regarding this matter and he will provide a written comment for the Board's next meeting.

In response to a question, Mr. Harvey advised that Mr. Blouin indicated that the results are a cause for concern but suggests that more testing may be required.

The Chair noted that the concern the Board had was that a lot of the swimming beaches were open when contamination levels were over acceptable levels.

The Chair advised that the Board will wait to comment after receiving a response from Mr. Blouin.

The Board recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m. with the same members present.

7. New Business:

7.1 Case 00983: Development Agreement - 116 Purcells Cove Road, Halifax

A staff memorandum dated January 8, 2007 was submitted.

C Mr. Harvey advised that he would present the application this evening on behalf of Mr. Luc Oullett, Planner, who was unable to attend.

Highlights of Mr. Harvey's presentation are as follows:

- C the subject properties are adjacent to apartment buildings, and there is a small house in front.
- C the proposal is to establish a new house with a driveway that will extend back. The back part of property will be reconfigured and the proposal will result in two lots and two houses.
- C at the back of the property there is a very substantial slope down to the water.

In response to a question, Mr. Harvey advised that the second house will not be as prominently on the water as the first house.

Mr. Regan advised that he was very pleased with the amount of information Mr. Oullett provided the Committee with this application, and asked that Mr. Harvey convey this comment to him. As well, Mr. Regan noted the aerial photo and advised that it would be appreciated if these could be provided with future applications.

The Board entered a discussion with Mr. Harvey responding to questions. The Board agreed that it would require further information on this application prior to developing recommendations. In this regard, Mr. Harvey was requested to follow up and provide additional information at the Board's next meeting concerning the following:

- the trail (is it part of HRM's Parkland Plan)
- tree retention plan (is there a plan)
- water depth
- water lot (can a boat launch be built)
- brook (intermittent or sustained; and does it meet the setback requirements)

The Chair advised that the additional information will provide a better context to the application, and the Board can then develop recommendations at next month's meeting.

8. Added Items - None

9. Date of Next Meeting - February 21, 2007

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant

The following items were submitted as information:

- C Concept Plan for St. Andrews Village West, Fall River
- C Revised Concept Plan for St. Andrews Village, West, Fall River
- C Memo from Legislative Assistant - Re-appointments to the Board