

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 20, 2008

PRESENT: Dr. Wayne Stobo
 Ms. Ellinor Williams
 Mr. Derrill Hynick
 Mr. David Ripley
 Dr. Barry Thomas
 Mr. Ross Evans
 Mr. Nathaniel Smith
 Councillor Mary Wile
 Mr. Scott Harron

REGRETS: Mr. Walter Regan

STAFF: Mr. Brian White, Planner
 Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

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

Additions:

7.1 Case 01058 HRM Initiated amendments to all Land Use By-laws Regarding Temporary Construction Activities

Mr. Thomas brought to the Board a report on Nova Scotia Water Resource Management Strategy for the review of the Board. It was agreed that Mr. Thomas would send the URL to Ms. Coleman in order that she may distribute the URL to all members of the Board. Discussion to be deferred until next meeting.

Ms. Coleman to send out URL to membership.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 16, 2008

Page 4 - Para 2 Insert a sentence that reads . . . (2) reports. The first report is to reflect the specific issues of Moody Lake. Remove "as well as a report recommending that HRM develop baseline parameters for Moody Lake"

MOVED BY Ms. Elinor Williams , seconded by Mr. Ross Evans that the minutes, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3.1 APPROVAL OF INCAMERA MINUTES - January 16, 2007

MOVED BY Ms. Elinor Williams , seconded by Mr. Ross Evans that the minutes, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Addresses and phone numbers of Members of the Board

The Board was polled to see whether they had any issues as to whether they minded their contact information be distributed amongst the members for the use of the Board and its work only. Ms. Coleman will check that this information can be distributed or if this distribution conflicts with the *Privacy Act*. Ms. Coleman will check with the Clerk's office to see if the members' information is permitted to be distributed amongst the membership of the HWAB. The Chair further asked the membership if they had any issues with their information being distributed amongst the membership of the HWAB. Hearing no objections, the following motion was put on the floor.

Moved by Dr. Stobo seconded by Mr. Thomas that members' contact information be distributed amongst the members for the use of the Board and its work only. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was requested Ms. Coleman contact members that were absent from tonight's meeting to inquire if they have a conflict with contact information be distributed amongst the members for the use of the Board and its work only.

5. DEFERRED AND STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1 Review Recommendations of the Testing of Moody Lake - Mr. Hynick

The Board reviewed the draft document before them. After some discussion and necessary rewording of the document, the Board decided that it would be beneficial to send the revised report to Tony Blouin and invite him to the next meeting to finalize the report before going to Council. Revisions will be made by Ms. Coleman. It was also suggested to make the recommendation succinct and put much of the detailed information in the form of an attachment. Should it be necessary, Ms. Coleman will format the report according to the guidelines set out in the HRM Board and Committee Guide.

An inquiry was made by Dr. Stobo to Ms. Brenda Bell, Chair of the Lakes Committee for the Harrietsfield, Williamswood, Sambro Residents' Association (HWSRA), if she and her association would have any issues with being named in the report. She responded that she did not see any issue with it.

5.2 PARKING

Parking arrangements in Granville Parking lot were discussed and all agreed that these parking arrangements were sufficient. Should issues arise again this topic can be revisited.

6. REPORTS

None

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Case 01058 HRM Initiated amendments to all Land Use By-laws Regarding Temporary Construction Activities

On behalf of HRM, Brian White, Planner 1, staff to Halifax Watershed Advisory Board, circulated a report to the Board.

The intent of the memo is to let the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board, Bedford Watershed Advisory Board and Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board be aware of the situation. Once all Boards have been informed, there will a joint meeting of all the Boards to discuss the issues. HRM will inform the Board of the date of the meeting and there will have to be a reasonable effort to have the necessary representation of this Board at that meeting.

It was also felt necessary to have Mr. Regan at the meeting to further discuss this as he has been involved in several discussions regarding this topic.

Dr. Stobo advised the group that these types of constructions go in and do what they have to with no attempt at environmental mitigation. It is important fo us to get involved in that process. One of the most flagrant violator is the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation. They have the authority to give permits for this type of work without interaction with Department of Natural Resources or DOE. We should meet with HRM planners involved to try and develop a position HRM should take in the context of both municipal permits that are associated with this type of work but also interacting with the Province on bigger projects such as highways.

Dr. Stobo further advised that this Board would have to wait and see what HRM comes back with and there would have to be compromise as the other Boards do not meet on Wednesdays.

Mr. White advised that a draft report would be coming forward before the meeting so that each Board could review it before the meeting of the Boards. Dr. Stobo explained to Mr. White that the Board would need enough lead time after the Board reviews the report to be able to meaningfully address the issues. We would need roughly two-month period time line.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2008.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant