

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
August 20, 2008

PRESENT:

Dr. Wayne Stobo
Ms. Ellinor Williams
Mr. Ross Evans
Mr. Nathaniel Smith
Dr. Barry Thomas
Mr. Scott Harron
Mr. Walter Regan

REGRETS:

Mr. Derrill Hynick
Mr. David Ripley

STAFF:

Mr. Luc Ouellet, Planner
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at Halifax Hall at 6.45 p.m.

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

- 9.1 Presentation: Capital Projects - Bedford Sackville Trunk Sewer System - Halifax Water Commission - Jamie Hannam, M.B.A., P. Eng., Manager of Engineering & IS, Halifax Water Commission.

It was agreed by the Board that the presentation, Capital Projects - Bedford Sackville Trunk Sewer System would be presented after the Approval of the Minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - July 16, 2008

MOVED BY Mr. Walter Regan, seconded by Dr. Barry Thomas that the minutes of July 16, 2008, be approved as read. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1 Presentation: Capital Projects - Bedford Sackville Trunk Sewer System - Halifax Water Commission - Jamie Hannam, M.B.A., P. Eng., Manager of Engineering & IS, Halifax Water Commission

Phase One: Adjacent to the Highway 101 and Sackville Rd area and the Valley section from the Downsview Mall to Glendale Avenue

Mr. Hannam presented his presentation entitled Capital Projects - Bedford Sackville Trunk Sewer System dated August 25, 2008.

Phase Two: Remainder of access routes throughout the length of the system.

- 2009 construction (pending budget approval)

Discussion ensued with the following comments noted:

- Waste Water Management is probably the biggest systemic problem across HRM.
- Access roads to the Bedford Sackville Trunk Sewer System would need to have repairs completed.
- As of now, there are no roads to access the B/S Trunk Sewer System.
- These roads have been ignored over the years and now have grown over with plant growth. Roads will need to be rebuilt but with only minimum disturbance to these areas.

- Because the truck only needs to access these roads for maintenance, only minimum requirements for roads would be needed

The Board informed Mr. Hannam that the Access Roads Project would be a project that HWAB would be interested in.

Mr. Hannam inquired as to the timeline for having HWAB reviewing a project. The Halifax Watershed Advisory Board advised Mr. Hannam that it is conceivable that three months would be needed to provide feedback. Depending upon when the report was submitted and when the next meeting was set up would determine the timeline. At the first meeting, the project would be presented to the Committee. If time permitted, discussion would take place that night. A writer would then be appointed and the report would be brought back to the next meeting for review. Revisions, if necessary, would then be made and the report would be signed off. Any projects that need to be reviewed by HWAB would pass through the Clerk's office via the Legislative Assistant to HWAB. Mr. Hannam advised that HWAB's timeline of giving feedback to a project could present challenges to the Halifax Water Commission (HWC).

Mr. Hannam advised that in February he could present to the Board a list of Halifax Water Commission projects that have been budgeted for the upcoming year that the Board could review the list and indicate which projects that they would be interested in. Mr. Hannam could then present these items to the Board at the appropriate time. Reviewing the list of projects intended for the year and advising the HWC what projects they would like to see may lessen the wait time for the recommendations for the project.

Mr. Hannam asked at what stage would HWAB prefer to see a new project. Members of the Board advised that they would like to see the project at the pre-concept plan stage but then again at the final operational stages.

Dr. Stobo indicated that the HWAB's Guidelines and Checklist for Planners could be sent to Mr. Hannam should he wish to have them.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Hannam explained that the Halifax Water Commission is 100% owned and is financially and administratively independent of HRM. Four of seven members are Councillors and the rest are independent citizens. The Commission operates under a Provincial Act. He further advised that the HWC receives no money from the budget.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Next Steps - Case Study - Anna McCarron

Discussion ensued with the Board noting the following:

- Mr. Hynick has been assigned to draft HWAB's next steps. This draft will be the starting point for discussions at the next meeting.
- HWAB needs to know what part their recommendations play in Development Agreements, etc. - are they *Mission Critical*.
- What are the timelines for recommendations to be completed.
- How can HWAB obtain feedback from their reports to Community Councils or Regional Council.
- Luc Ouellet, Planner 1, advised the Board what can be used by planners.

The Board decided to defer further discussion till the draft can be brought back to the Board next month.

5. DEFERRED AND STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1 Case 01147: Phase 2 Twin Brooks Development

The case was reviewed and minor changes were noted. The report is to be submitted to the North West Community Council.

5.2 Issues related to the improvement and maintenance of the sewer easement through and adjacent the Sackville River

The Board felt that a door has been opened with another section of HRM and this is a good "first" start. Mr. Regan will bring forward an information package for next meeting.

5.3 Concept Plans - To What Extent That the Board Can Discuss (Storm Water Management) - What Are the Guidelines for HWAB

Due to time constraints this matter will be deferred until next meeting

5.4 Responding to the Natural Resources strategy

Mr. Regan gave a brief overview of what Natural Resources Strategy was and noted that the time for public comment has passed. He was of the opinion that should someone wish to make comments that the Department of Natural Resources would still accept them. It was the consensus of the Board to not comment at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. CORRESPONDENCE - None

8. **REPORTS** - None

9. **ADDED ITEMS**

9.1 **Presentation: Halifax Water Commission - Jamie Hannam, M.B.A., P. Eng.,
Manager of Engineering & IS, Halifax Water Commission.**

This matter was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting. See page 3.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

10.1 **Surface Water Sampling - Hail Pond, Stoneridge on the Park, Nova Scotia**

The Board discussed the report noting that the differences in the report over the period of time covered. Questions were raised as to whether or not *Road Salt* has played any part in these changes. They will compare these results to the next sampling that comes out for this area.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Halifax Watershed Advisory meeting will be September 17, 2008.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant