

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

January 18, 2012

PRESENT: Ms. Ellinor Williams, Chair
Mr. Walter Regan, Vice Chair
Councillor Peter Lund
Councillor David Hendsbee
Mr. Allan Billard
Mr. Barry Thomas
Mr. David Ripley
Mr. Scott Harron
Mr. Ross Evans

REGRETS: Mr. Derrill Hynick

STAFF: Mr. Paul Sampson, Planner, Planning and Infrastructure
Mr. Richard Harvey, Senior Planner
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Ellinor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Media Room, City Hall and stepped down as Chair; Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support assumed the Chair.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. Vandervoort called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2012.

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board nominate Ellinor Williams for the position of Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Williams was declared Chair.

Ms. Vandervoort called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair for 2012.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Dr. Thomas that the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board nominate Walter Regan for the position of Vice Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Regan was declared Vice Chair.

Ms. Williams assumed the Chair at 6:38 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2011

A copy of Ms. Williams' suggested amendments to the October 19, 2011 Draft Minutes was before the Board for consideration.

Item 5.1 be amended to read as follows:

Mr. Tyson Simms then introduced a staff proposal for a Land Use By-law Amendment to add a third category of agricultural uses permitted within the Rural Residential and Rural Estate Zones, to cover private riding barns. He also responded to questions on the effects of this amendment in terms of future uses of the land, particularly in the event of a change of ownership. The Board briefly raised a number of issues concerning storm water management, well location and the number of buildings permitted on the lot but accepted that these could not be addressed under a Land Use By-law amendment.

Ms. Williams further suggested that the last paragraph in Item 9.2 be amended to read as follows:

It was suggested that the Integrated By-law for Lot Grading, Topsoil and Grade Alteration be reviewed by the Board at a future meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Mr. Regan that the minutes of October 19, 2011 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA -- NONE

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

The Board agreed to address Item 8.1 following the approval of the Order of Business.

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Councillor Lund to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair welcomed newly appointed Board member Mr. Allan Billard, representing District 2.

Mr. Harron, Mr. Evans and Mr. Ripley entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Item 8.1 was addressed at this time.

8.1 Case #17330, Stage II Development Agreement, Block C, Washmill Lake Drive

A staff memorandum dated January 10, 2012 was before the Board for review.

Mr. Paul Sampson, Planner delivered a presentation on Case 17330, explaining the two-stage development process with stage one approved in 2010 and that stage two did not require a public hearing. He reviewed the 2010 Concept Plan for the site and provided a Landscape Plan and schematics for site servicing, grading, erosion and sedimentation control, and storm water management.

Mr. Geoff MacLean, Mr. Scott MacCallum, Ms. Doreen Chenard and Mr. Yiani Paliliatsos were present on behalf of the applicant and provided clarification on the following points:

- the wetlands and wet areas on the site
- the encapsulation of slate fill on-site, including drainage to the storm sewer
- the maintenance of post-construction flows off at pre-construction levels by using catch basins to contain any increased run-off
- Susie's Lake as the eventual receiving water body
- the owner's assumption of responsibility for the drainage system when construction is completed
- the design of the catch basins to serve as oil-grit separators
- the effects of blasting
- the nature of the swales (grassed)

The Chair circulated the Overview Slate Management Plan prepared by Maritime Testing dated September 27, 2011. The Board entered into a discussion and the following recommendations were put forward in regard to this proposal:

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Ross that the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board recommend to Chebucto Community Council that:

- 1. Further sampling of surface water quality be undertaken to establish the background condition of the site (currently based on a single monitoring event). Sampling results to be forwarded to the HWAB for review.**
- 2. Sampling of storm water run-off during construction and post development be undertaken at least once a week, preferably immediately after precipitation events and particularly when these are preceded by several days of dry weather. The sampling reports should be forwarded to HRM for review and copied to HWAB.**
- 3. Any and all water quality reports, including those not related to sulphide-bearing slate, be copied to HWAB.**
- 4. A post construction maintenance program be established for the catch-basins.**
- 5. HRM be notified whenever any sulphide-bearing slate is moved off-site.**
- 6. When the Nova Scotia Department of Environment report and permit are finalized, a copy of the approved plan be supplied to HRM for the Development Applications file.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- 6.1 Integrated Resource Plan for Halifax Water Technical Conference #3
November 14, 2011 (verbal update)**
- (i) Notes – Technical Conference #3, December 14, 2011**
 - (ii) Maps of Existing Wastewater System Schematic prepared by Genivar**

The Chair gave a brief update of the goals outlined during the conference and the framework for the process, referencing the notes and charts provided.

6.2 Protecting Our Lakes Update (verbal update)

The Vice Chair gave an update on the items discussed to improve lake quality including better storm water management regulations. He advised Board members of a series of meetings scheduled including the January 19, 2012 meeting at Alderney Gate Library.

7. DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Case #17330, Stage II Development Agreement, Block C, Washmill Lake Drive

Item addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 4.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 15, 2012

11.1 Proposed 2012 Meeting Schedule

A copy of the Board's Proposed 2012 Meeting schedule was before them for review.

Following a brief review, it was **MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board approved the 2012 Meeting Schedule as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Support