

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**July 19, 2006**

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

**ABSENT WITH:  
REGRETS** Mr. David Ripley  
Dr. Sankar Ray  
Mr. Ross Evans

**STAFF:** Mr. Richard Harvey, Senior Planner  
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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**6. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

**7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

The Chair noted that a request has been received from Denise Schofield, Acting Manager of Development Engineering, for a representative from the Board to participate in a workshop regarding HRM's lot grading & drainage.

Mr. Walter Regan indicated that he would be pleased to act as the Board's representative, **to which the Board agreed.** The Legislative Assistant is to provide Ms. Schofield with Mr. Regan's contact information.

**The Board agreed that** the following item be added to the agenda under New Business:

6.2 Temporary Construction Easement - Goodwood

Mr. Regan invited members of the Board to participate in the Sackville Rivers Association Annual Auction and Dinner on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Sackville Legion.

**8. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT AGENDA**

There were no items brought forward for the next agenda.

**9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOVED by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Regan that the minutes of the June 21, 2006 meeting of the Halifax Regional Watershed Advisory Board, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/DEFERRED ITEMS**

**5.1 Recommendations - Application for Development Agreement to Allow for a Camp in Sambro Head**

- A draft report dated July 19, 2006 prepared by Ms. Williams was before the Board.

The Board reviewed the draft report and recommendations making the following changes:

- Subject line is to be changed to reflect the complete title of the item:  
Case 890 - Development Agreement to Permit a Camp - Ketch Harbour Road in Sambro Head
- Typographical error in the third paragraph noted and corrected (United)
- A new recommendation 4, generally as follows, is to be included in the report:

4. The proposal indicates that the roadway is parallel with the stream and is not 30 metres away from the stream. The Board recommends that the 30 metre buffer be honoured relative to the roadway, wherever possible, excepting where it crosses the stream.
- With reference to recommendation 7, samples should be taken prior to construction and then in the Spring, Summer and Fall for two (2) years post construction.

Ms. Williams will provide the revised recommendations to the Legislative Assistant for formatting and forwarding to Western Community Council. A final copy will be distributed in the next Board package for the information/record of members.

### **5.2 Update (verbal) by Richard Harvey - HWAB's Guidelines**

Mr. Richard Harvey, Planner, indicated that he had spoken with Sharon Bond, Manager, Subdivision and Land Use Compliance, regarding how to better disseminate the Board's Guidelines. Ms. Bond has indicated that she will raise this matter at an upcoming staff meeting with Development Officers from across HRM. She has suggested that the guidelines become more entrenched in the system and that there may be ways in which HRM's Development Technicians will be able to utilize the Guidelines. Mr. Harvey indicated that he will report back regarding the outcome of Ms. Bond's discussion with her staff in this regard.

The Chair indicated he would be happy to attend the meeting if Ms. Bond felt it would be helpful.

### **5.3 Water and Soil Conservation Society Offer of Documentation (Chair)**

The Chair noted that this item referred to information provided by Mr. Shalom Mandaville in electronic format. He noted that he has forwarded the information to Ms. Edmonds who has been uploading the material to the web as time allows.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Update on Bennery Lake Watershed Status (Chair)**

The Chair advised that the Board's representative on the Bennery Lake Watershed Board (BLWB) has advised the Halifax Regional Water Commission is assuming responsibility for Bennery Lake and as a consequence the BLWB will be disbanded.

### **6.2 Temporary Construction Easement - Goodwood**

- This matter was added during the setting of the agenda.

### **Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Regan declared a Conflict of Interest noting that MacLellan's Construction makes an annual donation to the Sackville Rivers Association and the Association employs his

company to carry out work on the Sackville River

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Frank Hope advised that he had recently attended a meeting regarding the construction of an asphalt plant at Goodwood in close proximity of Western Commons and surrounding the Drysdale Bog. Mr. Hope indicated that Dillon Construction, on behalf of Lafarge, is undertaking an Environmental Assessment and hosted the meeting. He noted that those attending were being asked to endorse the asphalt plant as a single application.

Mr. Hope noted that his concern was that it was apparent that the asphalt plant was part of a larger plan to develop an industrial park on highlands surrounding Drysdale Bog on three sides. Mr. Hope noted that, as per information received at the meeting, the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour is considering this proposal as a single application and are not intending to carry out an environmental assessment. In response to the Regional Council decision of June 13, 2006 regarding the easement, Lafarge has contracted Dillon to undertake an environmental assessment. Mr. Hope indicated that he believed that this proposal must be considered in the context of the larger industrial park.

The Chair read a portion of the minutes of the June 13, 2006 Regional Council meeting regarding this matter. He noted that the Minister has a significant degree of discretion with regard to the nature of an environmental assessment.

Following a further discussion, Mr. Harvey clarified that the land in question is zoned Heavy Industrial.

**The Board agreed that** the Chair prepare a letter to Mayor Kelly expressing concern regarding the impact of industrial development on the Drysdale bog. Given that the surrounding lands are zoned Heavy Industrial, even smaller projects should require a full environmental assessment. The cumulative effect of industrial development on Drysdale Bog must be considered. The Board further recommends that Regional Council make representation to this end to the Nova Scotia Minister of Labour Environment and further that they be vigilant regarding future development in the area.

2. **ADDED ITEMS** - None
3. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - August 16, 2006
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.