

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

November 19, 2008

PRESENT:

Mr. David Ripley
Mr. Ross Evans
Mr. Walter Regan
Ms. Ellinor Williams
Mr. Derrill Hynick
Mr. Scott Harron
Dr. Barry Thomas
Mr. Nathaniel Smith

STAFF:

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Ms. Ellinor Williams announced the resignation of Dr. Stobo from the Board. The Board decided to extend an lunch invitation to Dr. Stobo to show appreciation for his dedication and hard work.

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

The Chair advised that staff are requesting that Item 8.1 be moved up to be dealt with at the beginning of the meeting, **to which it was agreed.**

MOVED by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Regan that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - September 17, 2008

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Ms. Williams that the minutes of September 17, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

During the Approval of the Order of Business, the Board agreed to deal with the following item as the first order of business.

8. REPORTS:

8.1 Case 00178 Glen Baker Drive, Spryfield, N.S. PID 340738114, Lands of 3093952 Nova Scotia Ltd.

Mr. Brian White, Planner, reviewed the proposed application noting the following:

- This case is strictly a development agreement
- This is already a disturbed site
- Development intends to make minimal changes to the site
- No know pollution on the land
- Staff suspect that the slope has clean fill but not certain
- Will not become public land until it is free and clear; and
- Must meet HRM requirements

The Board entered a discussion and several recommendations were put forward, and it generally agreed that further discussion would be required at the next meeting to confirm recommendations.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

4.1 "Our Relationship with HRM - Expectation, Areas of Focus and Reporting"

The Board has great concern of what is expected of them, what they need to be doing, why they are doing, and is it going anywhere or are they wasting valuable time and effort.

Mr. White suggested that Members of the Board e-mail him their questions and/or bring their questions to the next meeting. He would invite the appropriate staff to the next meeting to try and answer the Board's questions. One suggestion that Mr. White made was if a recommendation is not enforceable by HRM under the Red Book, it would not go ahead.

The Board felt that they should keep track of what recommendations are continually not being used and if they felt that strongly about the recommendations then they would need to lobby to have the Red Book changed. They inquired upon how one would go about that process.

The Board was also very concerned over water quality testing and what happens to the results of this testing. Again, Mr. White agreed to talk to the appropriate people and try to bring answers back to the next meeting.

5. DEFERRED ITEMS - None

6. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. CORRESPONDENCE - None

8. REPORTS:

8.1 Case 00178 Glen Baker Drive, Spryfield, N.S. PID 340738114, Lands of 3093952 Nova Scotia Ltd.

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

9. ADDED ITEMS - None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 21, 2009

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.