

**HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

November 19, 2003

PRESENT: Dr. Wayne Stobo, Chair
Mr. Keith Manchester
Mr. Frank Hope
Mr. Walter Regan
Dr. Shannon Mala Bard
Ms. Christine Smith
Mr. Ross Evans
Dr. Barry Thomas
Dr. Sankar Ray
Ms. Janis Rod
Mr. Jim Holmes
Mr. Peter Murray

REGRETS: Ms. Ellinor Williams
Mr. Bill Ernst
Susan Corser, Planner, Regional Planning

ABSENT: Dr. Spencer Lee
Mr. Lawrence White

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the Chair, the Board agreed to add the following item:

- C Leave of Absence - Bill Ernst

The Chair noted he received an e-mail from Mr. Bill Ernst advising that due to the number of work commitments he has, particularly over the next several months, he won't be able to attend the Board's meetings. The Chair then suggested the Board may want to consider granting Mr. Ernst a six-month leave of absence from attending the Board's meetings.

Following a brief discussion, **the Board agreed** to allow Mr. Bill Ernst a six-month leave of absence.

2. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA

The Chair advised that Ms. Ellinor Williams requested the following item be added to the next meeting's agenda, to which the Board agreed:

- C Update on Testing Results

The Chair referred to the two reports RE: Water Quality Report for Hail Pond, Stoneridge on the Park Subdivision, dated May 2003 and September 2003 submitted from Trevor Creaser, Development Technician. The Chair asked the Board members to review these reports, noting that the item would be placed on the next meeting agenda:

- C Water Quality Reports for Hail Pond

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 22, 2003

MOVED by Mr. Walter Regan, **seconded** by Mr. Keith Manchester, the minutes of October 22, 2003 be approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS

4.2 Westgate - Sewage Treatment Plant

This matter had been deferred from the Board's last meeting.

It was agreed this item would be placed on the status sheet, and the Chair and Mr. Regan

will meet to discuss and report back at the next meeting of the Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Preservation of Newfoundland Shoreline

This item had been brought forward by Mr. Peter Murray.

Mr. Murray submitted a copy of the Newfoundland and Labrador Lands Act pertaining to the jurisdiction reserving shoreline, with attached sketches outlining Settle Lake, Bell Lake, Oat Hill Lake, and Maynard Lake in Dartmouth.

Mr. Murray indicated that he was submitting the information as an example of a jurisdiction reserving shoreline, and in this particular instance, a 15 metre width around and adjoining the body of water. He noted that this was not a right-of-way but an outright ownership of land by the Crown. Referencing his submitted sketches of the Dartmouth lakes, he added that these were also examples of similar ownership.

A discussion ensued as to whether there were any regulations with regard to preservation of shoreline already in place, and if it was within the Board's mandate to pursue this matter.

The Chairman concluded the discussion by suggesting that should anyone wish to pursue this further, they could investigate to determine whether there is an Act to protect shoreline and then bring their information back to the Board for discussion.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/STATUS SHEET

The Chairman advised that the Status Sheet items were for information. He briefly reviewed the information submitted on each.

6.1 Case 00495 - Concept Plans Application by J. P. Robichaud to Permit Townhouses by Development Agreement at Lot 4A - Sackville Cross Road

A memo and report dated November 13, 2003 to the North West Community Council from the Chairman of HWAB was submitted for information.

6.2 Bedford Power Project

Copy of a letter dated October 29, 2003 to the Chairman of HWAB from Mayor Peter Kelly was submitted for information.

For the information of the Board, the Chair indicated he spoke with Gary Hines, MLA for the

Waverley Fall River Beaverbank area; and was advised that in discussions with the proponent, they have been advised they will not be allowed to store fuel on-site. The Chair noted the proponent was asking to be able to store two million gallons of fuel on-site.

6.3 Highway 103 Twinning

Copy of a letter dated November 13, 2003 and a report to Mayor Peter Kelly from the Chairman of HWAB was submitted for information.

6.4 Glen Arbour Golf Course Audubon Program

Copy of a letter dated October 27, 2003 to Scott Martin, National Coordinator, Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System of Canada from the Chairman of HWAB was submitted for information.

At 7:10 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 7:20 p.m. the Board reconvened.

4.1 Presentation - Availability of Drinking Water in HRM (Pockwock and Lake Major)

Ms. Christine Smith addressed the Committee and with the use of overhead slides outlined a presentation with regard to Freshwater Availability in Growing Urban Areas. The main components of her presentation covered the following areas:

- C Water Process, Characteristics and Distribution
- C Five Main Water Uses
- C Water Availability Issues
- C Four Priority Issues
- C Water Supplies (Pockwock and Lake Major)
- C Implications for Freshwater
- C Sustainability Options & Solutions
- C Effects of Deforestation & Rapid Development

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting date December 17.

The Chair advised that given the proximity to the Christmas holiday, the Board may want to reconsider holding this meeting if there are no new items of urgency for the Board to deal with.

A short discussion ensued and **it was agreed** the Chair, in consultation with Susan Corser and Sheilagh Edmonds would determine whether it would be necessary to hold a December

meeting; if so, the agenda package would be sent out as usual, and if not, the Board would be notified of the meeting cancellation.

Information Item:

'Card of Thanks'

The Chair noted that everyone's agenda package included a copy of a thank-you card from Lynn Leboutillier expressing her appreciation to the Board for its farewell gift.

The Board was pleased that she enjoyed the flowers and gift.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant