

REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2013

PRESENT:

Mark McLean  
Pierre Clement  
Timothy Hayman  
Dr. Barry Thomas  
Adam Fancy  
Walter Regan  
Allan Billard  
Peter Lund

REGRETS:

Dusan Soudek  
Tom Mills  
Richard Hattin  
David Lombardi

STAFF

Kurt Pyle, Supervisor Planning Applications  
Richard MacLellan, Manager Energy and Environment  
Ted Aubut, Legislative Assistant  
Sherrill Murphy, Deputy Clerk  
Jane Crosby, Legislative Support

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ted Aubut, Legislative Assistant, called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm in the Media Room, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street. He introduced himself and his role for the beginning of the meeting.

## 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Aubut asked that there be a round table of introductions as this meeting is the first meeting for the newly formed Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

The newly appointed members of RWAB introduced themselves and cited their experience and interest in watershed issues. HRM staff present at the meeting also introduced themselves and their role with regards to the RWAB.

Councillor David Hendsbee and Sylvia Paris, Manager of the African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office, were present in the gallery.

## 3. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

### 3.1 Election of the Chair

Mr. Aubut called for nominations for Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

Mr. Lund nominated Mr. Hattin to serve as Chair of the Board.

Mr. Mills nominated Mr. Billard via email due to his absence at this meeting.

Ms. Murphy advised that due to the absence of Mr. Hattin, Mr. Mills and other Board members, the election of the Chair would occur at next month's meeting. She advised that the Board appoint a member to act as Chair in the interim.

**MOVED Mr. Regan, seconded Mr. Lund that Mr. Billard serve as Acting Chair of the Board for the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Mr. Lund would like to add a discussion item on the Regional Plan Amendments and on Policy SU21 for wastewater management district.

**There was a general consensus that the agenda, as amended, be approved.**

#### **5. COMMITTEE MANDATE & UPCOMING BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Terms of Reference**

Mr. Aubut commented on the Terms of Reference for the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board. He noted that the new Board would have a more regional scope and indicated that RWAB has a policy mandate; In addition to reviewing development applications the Board will also have the opportunity to advise on policy. He added that unlike past Watershed Advisory Boards, RWAB does not have a Councillor sitting on the Board.

Mr. Kurt Pyle, HRM Supervisor of Planning Applications, commented that RWAB will see less development applications than previous Watershed Advisory Boards. Unless there are specific policies that indicate that applications have to go to the RWAB, they will not.

The Acting Chair asked for clarification on this comment and Mr. Pyle responded that the reasoning for this is because RWAB is a policy driven Board. Mr. MacLellan commented that there is a large amount of policy work underway and noted some of the work that will be coming to RWAB in the future.

Mr. Clement entered the meeting at 4:54pm.

The Board entered into discussion with regards to the Terms of Reference and staff responded to questions from Board members.

##### **5.2 Board Orientation Manual**

The Board was provided with a copy of the Board Orientation Manual outlining specifics on presentations and reports. They were also provided with an excerpt from the Public Appointments Policy on code of conduct.

The Acting Chair encouraged Board members to review the information provided and noted that concerns regarding these documents could be brought forward at another meeting if necessary.

### **5.3 Upcoming Reports (Verbal)**

Mr. MacLellan provided an outline of four upcoming reports and two watershed studies that would be coming to RWAB in the future. These reports include:

- The information report from the former Dartmouth Watershed Advisory Board on Russell Lake,
- The six year water quality data on Seven Lakes,
- The objectives of the Stormwater By-law,
- Integrated Stormwater Policy (February 2014).

Mr. MacLellan responded to questions from Board members with regards to the upcoming reports and studies.

## **6. ADDED ITEMS**

### **6.1 Regional Plan Amendments and Policy SU21**

Mr. Lund noted that he was presenting these items as an opportunity for discussion. Upon hearing the Terms of Reference for the Board and the upcoming reports, Mr. Lund suggested that perhaps these items could be placed in a “parking lot” for the moment and the Board agreed.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

### **7.1 Proposed 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule**

The Board agreed with the upcoming schedule, but suggested that perhaps an alternate location should be considered beyond the two locations offered. The Acting Chair also suggested a meeting be held for August 2013. It was agreed that an email would be sent to Board members regarding their interest in having an August 2013 meeting.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Acting Chair commented on the importance of Watershed Advisory Boards for the municipality and noted the dedication of past Board members including Wayne Stobo, Bill Josenhans and Audrey Manzer. He noted that the efforts of these past members inspire him to continue with their work today.

Jane Crosby  
Legislative Support