



**BEDFORD WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2005**  
**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Don Lowther, Chair  
Mr. Lawrence White, Vice Chair  
Mr. Rick Hattin  
Mr. Lem Murphy  
Mr. Cedric Pilkington  
Mr. Kevin Dean  
Ms. Kate Hadden  
Ms. Elaine Loney  
Mr. David Gorsline  
Mr. Doug Murray  
Ms. Deborah Gillis (7:05 p.m.)  
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher

**ABSENT:**

Dr. Sankar Ray  
Mr. Will Matheson

**STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant  
Mr. Angus Schaffenburg, Planner II

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauss Room, Lebrun Centre, 36 Holland Avenue, Bedford.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Ms. Loney, seconded by Mr. Murphy the minutes of January 12, 2005 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The Chair suggested, and it was agreed, to move up item 8.1 Regional Planning Update to be dealt with as the first order of business.

**8. ADDED ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**8.1 Regional Planning Update**

Copies of the Regional Planning Guide to HRM's Proposed Regional Plan had been circulated to the Board Members in their agenda packages.

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner, distributed copies of a Power Point presentation in regard to HRM's proposed Regional Plan and briefly elaborated on the Regional Planning process to date. He noted that at his previous presentation he outlined three alternatives for growth, A, B and C. At this stage they are proposing, for the most part, a combination of Alternatives A and C. Mr. Morgan further elaborated on what this would mean for the Bedford area in particular, and he responded to questions.

At 7:05 p.m. Ms. Deborah Gillis entered the meeting.

A discussion ensued with regard to the Regional Plan's proposal for growth and the following points were put forward:

1. transit service is not viewed as reliable - a particular instance was noted of people waiting for 40 minutes for a bus during rush hour, however, during that time a number of buses by-passed the passengers, presumably returning to the Metro Transit garage.
2. a suggestion was put forward that transit service should be operational once the first residents have moved into a new subdivision - without

transit service available right away, residents get in the habit of using their cars and it becomes difficult to get those people accustomed to using transit after the fact.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET ITEMS:**

**4.1 STATUS SHEET:**

**4.1.1 Infilling of Moirs Pond**

No Update.

**4.1.2 Kearney/Quarry/Paper Mill Dams**

Mr. Dean advised that he had no update at this time. He noted that a meeting is scheduled for late February.

**4.1.3 Paper Mill Lake - Watershed Water Quality Monitoring Program**

Mr. Pilkington advised that he spoke with the head of the Lab at the QEII since the Board's last meeting, however there was nothing further to report with regard to QEII providing compensation. He added that he questioned where they were getting their work done now, and was advised of a lab in New Brunswick. Mr. Pilkington elaborated on the lab facility and the cost of testing. He also advised that he contacted Dalhousie University and received the particulars on their lab and associated costs.

**4.1.4 Storm Water Management: Union Street Area**

A copy of an information report dated January 11, 2005 which had been submitted to the North West Community Council meeting of January 28, 2005 had been circulated for the Board's information.

Deputy Mayor Goucher noted that he had a meeting scheduled the next day with the CAO, DCAO, the Mayor, Brad Anguish, Director of Environmental Management Services and two of his staff to discuss this matter. In reference to the information report, he indicated that staff do not view the storm water work as HRM's responsibility. The Deputy Mayor added that he would like to see a report done on the berm, and added that if it can be proven there will be no negative impact with the berm, then perhaps something can be done to alleviate the problem.

**4.1.5 Paper Mill Run**

The Chair indicated this will be looked at by Annapolis along with the dam work. He advised that this item was to stay on the status sheet.

#### **4.1.6 Parker's Brook**

The Chair advised that this matter can be removed from the status sheet.

#### **4.1.7 Stormceptors**

Mr. Schaffenburg advised that there were seven Stormceptors in Bedford; half are on public property; and they are inspected regularly and cleaned out as required.

A discussion ensued with regard to how often the Stormceptors are cleaned and Mr. Schaffenburg was requested to follow up to obtain further detailed information such as: when were they last cleaned; and, are they being cleaned and maintained in accordance with documentation provided.

Deputy Mayor Goucher noted the one at Tim Horton's and asked that Mr. Schaffenburg follow up with their Head Office, if there was no information available locally.

Deputy Mayor Goucher suggested that a staff member from Technical Underground Services could be invited to a meeting for discussion on the issue.

### **4.2 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

#### **4.2.1 Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Society**

Mr. Murphy indicated that, upon reflection of this presentation, he did not believe it fell within the mandate of the Board, and suggested that it be tabled.

**MOVED by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Dean that the presentation by the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Society be tabled.**

A discussion ensued concerning whether this matter falls within the mandate of the Board to consider.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the issue presented by the Society was interesting and something that it would follow up on its own and investigate further. **The motion to Table was PASSED.**

Mr. Schaffenburg indicated he would provide a map illustrating the Board's boundaries and public and private ownership of lands, for future discussion on this matter.

Mr. Hattin suggested a letter be forwarded to the Society advising of the Board's decision not to endorse their request for support in declaring the area as protected wilderness; and note that the Board appreciates bringing this matter to its attention, and that it intends to look into it further.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS:** None
6. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:** None
7. **REPORTS:**

- 7.1 **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 7.1.1 **Water Quality Inventory Committee**

Mr. Pilkington provided an update earlier in the meeting.

- 7.1.2 **Paper Mill Lake Advisory Committee**

Deputy Mayor Goucher noted that the Committee was re-established by a motion approved at the last North West Community Council meeting.

- 7.2 **STAFF REPORTS:** None.

- 8.2 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Angus Schaffenburg, Planner II, assumed the Chair and called for nominations for Chair of BWAB.

**MOVED by Ms. Loney, seconded by Mr. Dean that Don Lowther be nominated for Chair. Mr. Lowther accepted the nomination.**

Mr. Doug Murray indicated he would like to nominate Elaine Loney for Chair, however she declined.

There being no further nominations, **the motion was put and passed and Mr. Lowther was declared Chair.**

Mr. Lowther assumed the position of the Chair and called for nominations for Vice Chair.

**MOVED by Mr. Dean, seconded by Ms. Loney that Lawrence White be nominated as Vice Chair.**

Mr. Murray indicated he would like to nominate Mr. Lem Murphy, however, Mr. Murphy declined.

There being no further nominations, **the motion was put and passed and Mr. White was declared Vice Chair.**

The Chair advised that at next month's meeting, the Board should review the Terms of

Reference, particularly as it relates to how many terms a member shall serve as Chair.

**8.3 Infill on Shore Drive**

Mr. Schaffenburg noted that at the last meeting he was requested to follow up on the matter of infilling at 230 Shore Drive. He advised that no recent permits were issued and that 228 Shore Drive has had a fence permit since last year. With regard to a municipally owned right-of-way, he advised that the area is zoned Park and Open Space between 228 and 226 Shore Drive. He added that HRM Survey staff will be looking into this.

**9. NEXT MEETING - March 9, 2005**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Edmonds

Sheilagh

Legislative Assistant