

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES APRIL 26, 2006

PRESENT: Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair
Ms. Catherine Lunn, Vice Chair
Dr. Ron Beazley
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Dr. Mark Trevorrow
Mr. Mark McLean

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Dr. Hugh Millward
Ms. Stephanie Bird
Mr. Pierre Clement
Ms. Christine Hoehne
Mr. Peter Connor

STAFF: Mr. John MacPherson, Planning & Development Services
Mr. Ian Guppy, Senior Environmental Engineer, EMS
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 29, 2006 were distributed to members electronically and a copy was circulated to members at this meeting.

MOVED by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Hellenbrand that the minutes of the March 29, 2006 meeting of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

8.1 Cranberry Lake - Mr. Hellenbrand

MOVED by Mr. Trevorrow, seconded by Ms. Lunn that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Dartmouth Crossing Update

An update regarding Dartmouth Crossing was not available at this time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation - Stormwater and Wastewater in HRM

Ian Guppy, Senior Environmental Engineer, EMS, addressed the Board noting that this is the second annual presentation to the Board. Mr. Guppy gave a presentation regarding Stormwater and Wastewater in HRM including the following highlights:

- \$1.1 billion in stormwater and wastewater assets owned and maintained by HRM
- Almost one-half of these assets are within the Board's boundaries
- Reviewed a map of the area of responsibility for the Board illustrating the pumping stations and sewage treatment plants
- Reviewed the HRM stormwater/wastewater funding & expenditures
- Reviewed the HRM stormwater/wastewater priorities and issues

- \$141,000 million in Priority 1 and 2 projects
- Consider priority 3 and 4 projects in conjunction with other projects
- Priority 1 - Legal Liability Issues (i.e. ice in the streets, sewer back-up)
- Priority 2 - Compliance (i.e. collapsed sewer)
- Priority 3 - Operational Efficiency (i.e. inflow/infiltration reduction)
- Need to invest \$600 million in next 25 years in the Stormwater/Wastewater infrastructure
- Does not include: sewage treatment plants for rural centres, stormwater treatment, dams, new urban treatment plants to accommodate growth, secondary treatment for Halifax Harbour Sewage Treatment plants, oversizing costs, Flooding(Non-HRM owned infrastructure)
- Staff estimate capital reinvestment of \$24 million per year required
- Shortfall from current level of funding is \$20.6 million
- Possible funding sources: HRWC Dividend, a portion of gas tax, increased charge to developers, increase water rates
- A review of ongoing stormwater/wasterwater projects

A brief discussion regarding the Eastern Passage Treatment plant with note being made that it is functioning, but is reaching capacity.

Mr. MacPherson indicated that there have been controls on development in that area. When staff receives an application for rezoning or a development agreement for which the post construction flows are estimated to be greater than can be handled by the plant, the developer will be advised that Planning will not support the request. He went on to note that the primary goal is to meet as of right development for the area.

Mr. Guppy noted that it will take time to complete the engineering and the construction and suggested that it would be roughly three years before the updated plant comes on line.

In response to Mr. Guppy's presentation, Mr. Hellenbrand indicated that Ellenvale Run, where it meets Morris Lake Brook, is quite heavily clouded with sediment even after minimum rainfall. He indicated that this sediment may be originating from the roadways. Mr. Hellenbrand noted that over time this sediment is finding its way into Morris Lake and slowly filling up the front part of the lake. Mr. Hellenbrand indicated that HRM or this Board should look into the source and determine if there is possibility to reduce the sediment into the lake. Mr. Hellenbrand suggested that the large swampy area located ahead of where the brooks merge could be constructed in such a way as to allow the sediment to settle out.

A copy of Mr. Guppy's presentation is on file.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair advised that Peter Connor, Pierre Clement and herself had met to discuss a draft report to the Harbour East Community Council on the opening of large tracts of land as per the discussion at the November 2005 meeting of the Board. She indicated that the report would be considered at a future meeting of the Harbour East Community Council.

7. STAFF UPDATE

Mr. MacPherson indicated that he nothing to report at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Cranberry Lake - Mr. Hellenbrand

Mr. Hellenbrand noted that the parkland located at the outlet at the north end of Cranberry Lake, is totally neglected. He indicated that two large piles of earth have been sitting in the parkland for some time and are slowly being washed away by the rain. Mr. Hellenbrand indicated that he did not know whether the earth is being washed into the lake or not, but it is certainly unsightly.

The Board requested that staff follow up with the appropriate HRM department to determine the status of the park and the piles of earth.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on May 31, 2006 beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room, Findlay Centre,

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Legislative Assistant