

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**May 28, 2008**

- PRESENT: Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair  
Ms. Catherine Lunn, Vice - Chair  
Mr. Peter Connor  
Dr. Mark Trevorrow  
Mr. Mark McLean  
Dr. Hugh Millward  
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
- REGRETS: Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Ms. Christine Hoehne  
Mr. Pierre Clement  
Dr. Ron Beazley  
Ms. Stephanie Bird
- STAFF: Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer  
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:24 p.m. in the Findlay Centre Boardroom, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 30, 2008**

6.3.1 - The Board was asked to give feedback on the Proposed Development at 1200 and 1216 Cole Harbour Road Commercial Strip Mall. Upon clarification of their suggestions the Legislative Assistant will forward this information on to Jennifer Chapman at Planning Services.

Amendments:

Bullet 4 - *Sheet* rather than *shoot* flow

Bullet 6 - The line *All washroom drainage for the building will run out through a manhole on to the street* will be changed to *There will be drains on the east and west ends of the parking lot that will flow into the street*. The line *The Board requested that a curb be added* will also be included.

Bullet 8 - The line *available than catch basins and footing drains* will be changed to *and noted that they would prefer the use of storm septrors*.

Bullet 9 - The line *The proposed development will have a flat roof, therefore, internal plumbing may have to take over the roof water* will be changed to *The proposed development will have a flat roof and water will drain through a pipe at the west end into the creek flowing south*.

Bullet 10 - The line *If possible, it was recommended that the roof be white like the one on WalMart in Dartmouth Crossing* will be added.

Bullet 11 - Add *and that it be properly maintained*

**MOVED BY Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Lunn, that the minutes of April 30, 2008, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Mr. Connor advised of a public meeting regarding the North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer which was being held on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Unfortunately, none of the Board members were available to attend due to other commitments and the short notice.

**MOVED BY Dr. Millward, seconded by Mr. McLean, that the agenda, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence - None**

**6.2 Petitions - None**

**6.3 Delegations**

**6.3.1 Red Bridge Pond Update - Mr. Ian Guppy, Senior Environmental Engineer**

C A map of the Trunk Sewer Service Area was submitted.

Mr. Ian Guppy, Senior Environmental Engineer, Halifax Water, was in attendance to provide an update on the Red Bridge Pond development as well as to explain the new Halifax Water utility. He advised that water, wastewater and stormwater services were all being provided by the Halifax Water which was now an arms length utility department of the municipality. As a utility, he indicated that the Halifax Water was also accountable to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. He noted that the official change had been in place since August of 2007 and that the new structure would equal changes in processes and development reviews, however, developers would still see the same front end as they would still come to HRM with their plans and applications; working with the same staff members. He also noted that once plans had been submitted they would be forwarded to subject matter experts who would have input and feedback; bringing that information back through HRM. Mr. Guppy indicated that some contacts may change, however, the new Halifax Water would maintain similarities with the current system. He also stated that water rates would now pay for the three (3) services combined; water, wastewater and stormwater.

The Board asked if there would be public education regarding the new system. Mr. Guppy advised that a newsletter had been circulated with resident water bills and the Naturally Green newsletter and he could only assume that more information would be to come.

The Board requested clarification as to where they would now fit in to the process. Mr. Guppy indicated that the new Halifax Water would still be open to having discussions with the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board as they had previously done and that he did not anticipate a change. The Chair requested that Mr. Guppy please remain aware of the Board.

Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer, advised that Halifax Water was a review agency and that HRM and Council would require their recommendations in order to approve permits.

Mr. Guppy indicated that the Halifax Water required all the necessary utility permits from HRM for their developments as they still followed internal process. He advised that only when they identified specific projects that impacted certain groups would they contact them.

A discussion ensued regarding the Red Bridge Pond development with Mr Guppy responding to questions. The following points were noted:

- C The pumping station will serve the Waverley Road area and the service area will be approximately two hundred and forty seven (247) hectares;
- C The original station was built in the 1960's and is at the end of it's service life;
- C The Halifax Water is trying to economize by doing whatever street work is required at the same time. There will be an upgrade of the curb and sidewalk, replacement of a water main and some sewer work;
- C The new pumping station will be outfitted with a back up power system and will be a fully monitored station which will be upgraded in terms of capacity;
- C The risk of overflow will be greatly reduced as a result of these upgrades;
- C Sheet piling will be installed over the next month and the hole for the pumping station will be excavated;
- C Halifax Water is mindful of protecting the environment in all of their projects and they have full time consultants and their own staff monitoring contractors;
- C A number of measures will be put in place to mitigate potential risk. For example, silt booms will be in place to prevent any migration of silt;
- C Over the next month a sedimentation pond will be implemented where dirty water will be settled out;
- C The duration of the project will be for forty six (46) weeks with the bulk of the work taking place in September and October of 2008;
- C The pumping station backup system will be diesel run;
- C The house for the pumping station will have a pitched roof with siding and landscaping and a decorative fence so that it will be pleasing to the eye. The house will be approximately thirty five (35) by twenty five (25) feet in size;
- C The Board was concerned that both of the containment silt booms encompassed the ends of the culverts in Red Bridge Pond which would cut fish off from their feeding area;
- C Mr. Guppy advised that the contractor wanted to go beyond with systems and, therefore, decided to put in double silt booms. He wanted to encapsulate the entire area that could be effected since if they were to fail the sediment could go through the culverts;

- C The contractor was currently in the process of having the sediment pond designed and was consulting a professional. The Halifax Water was bound by permit requirements and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment. It was expected that some sort of coagulant will be used and that the pond will be drained periodically;
- C The sanitary sewer will be gasketed and the majority of piping will be done underwater;
- C A double walled fuel tank with sensors between the two (2) walls will be put in place to diminish the risk of leakage.

The Chair thanked Mr. Guppy and he encouraged the Board to contact him anytime. He advised that he would forward relevant updates on to the Chair.

Mr. Guppy also indicated that he was involved with the North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer process. He advised that the meeting had been advertised several times in the paper and noted that it also had a website at [www.terraingroup.com](http://www.terraingroup.com) . The Chair advised that the Board would appreciate direct communication.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Draft Terms of Reference**

- C A Draft Terms of Reference for the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board was submitted.
- C A letter for the Harbour East Community Council from the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board was submitted.

The Chair advised that she had reviewed all the notes that the Board had made after their discussions and incorporated them into the Terms of Reference. She noted that she had attempted to reflect the reality of how the Board really worked.

**MOVED BY Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Lunn, that the Draft Terms of Reference be accepted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **7.2 Chairman's Report (oral)**

The Chair read an e-mail, for information purposes, from Mr. Tony Blouin advising all HRM water boards of his new position with Halifax Water.

The Legislative Assistant advised that Mr. Cameron Deacoff, HRM Environmental Performance Officer, would be the Lead for the Water Quality Monitoring Program.

The Chair also read an e-mail from Mr. Steven Caines on behalf of the Sackville Rivers Association regarding their concerns with silt in the Sackville River. She noted that this area fell under another water board and Community Council.

**7.3 Staff Update (oral)**

Ms. Spencer had nothing to report at this time.

**8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory  
Legislative Assistant