

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

September 24, 2008

PRESENT: Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Mr. Peter Connor
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Ms. Christina Hoehne
Dr. Ron Beazley

REGRETS: Dr. Hugh Millward
Ms. Stephanie Bird
Ms. Catherine Lunn, Vice - Chair
Mr. Mark McLean
Mr. Pierre Clement
Dr. Mark Trevorrow

STAFF: Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. in the Findlay Centre Boardroom, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Special Meeting of August 18, 2008

Changes: Middle of page 3 - Mr. Bryce Fisher should be noted as the Engineering Consultant for O'Regans.
Remove last sentence on page 3.
Page 4: add "*for the purpose of this development*" before "*HRM considers this a watercourse*".

MOVED BY Councillor Gloria McCluskey, seconded by Ms. Christina Hoehne, that the minutes of the special meeting of August 18, 2008, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 8.1 Red Bridge Pond Sewage Pumping Station - Peter Connor
8.2 North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer - Peter Connor
8.3 Membership Update

The Board approved the order of business as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 E-mail from Mr. Benoit Lalonde re: Feeding of Waterfowl at Public Boat Launch on Morris Lake

C A letter from Mr. Lalonde was before the Board.

Mr. Lalonde's correspondence outlined a request for signage, in the vicinity of the public boat launch at Morris Lake, advising the public not to feed the waterfowl. His concern was

in regard to the potential for the concentration of faecal coliform at that location, due to the high volume of ducks, which could result in possible cases of "Swimmers Itch."

Councillor Gloria McCluskey explained that some lakes were added to proposed By-Law A-300 and suggested that additional lakes could be added when the issue returns to Regional Council. Councillor McCluskey advised that she will speak to Councillor Bill Karsten in regard to adding Morris Lake to the list of lakes to be included in By-Law A-300.

Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair, offered to contact Mr. Lalonde and advise him of the Board's action on this issue.

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Delegations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Buffer Zone Management Plan - Russell Lake Area

C Information on the Russell Lake Area Buffer Zone from Clayton Developments was before the Board.

Mr. Andrew Connors, Clayton Developments, and Mr. Stan Kochanoff, Consultant Arborist Enviranova, were in attendance and provided the following information in response to inquiries from the Board:

C Phases 5 A and 5 B are the last two phases of development that are subject to the lakefront buffer zone and will be the last bit of privately owned lake frontage for this development. Just beyond the end of the cul-de-sac area is a dedicated parkland area that continues down to the lake. HRM will undertake the normal course of action in regard to deadfall/windfall; there will be no encroachment in the area toward the lake.

C Enforcement of safeguards for the buffer zone along the privately owned areas is the pervue of Regional Council. Clayton Developments has not been involved other than to alert Council when the tree cutting was taking place. The Development Agreement includes the enforcement of buffer zones. It is the responsibility of the HRM Planning Department to monitor the buffer zones.

Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer, clarified that HRM's action is complaint driven as HRM does not have people to monitor the zones. She clarified that HRM relies on the developer in the field to advise HRM if a violation is taking place.

- C Homeowners receive a copy of the agreement attached to their deed or survey plan. Clayton Developments is not directly in contact with the homeowner.
- C HRM is responsible for public areas in the buffer zone through the parks and open spaces.

Ms. Spencer added that the buffer zone is usually described in the development agreement as an area being left in its natural state. Homeowners may: clear away windfall, clear a path to the lake up to a certain width, or may construct a small building near the area.

Councillor McCluskey advised that she had spoken very strongly against selling lots along the lake.

Ms. Spencer advised that the Planning Department will deal with this issue as there are policies in place.

The Board thanked Mr. Connors and Mr. Kochanoff for the information provided.

7.2 Report for Harbour East Community Council re: Application by Terrain Group on behalf of O'Regans Properties Ltd.

- C A draft copy of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board report to the Harbour East Community Council re: O'Regans Properties Ltd. was before the Board.

Ms. Manzer, Chair, signed the report and advised that it would be before the Harbour East Community Council at their October 2, 2008 meeting.

7.3 Chairman's Report

Ms. Audrey Manzer advised that she has spoken with Scotia Weather Services. A presentation will be scheduled for the October 29, 2008 meeting.

7.4 Staff Update

Ms. Cathy Spencer advised that she had no updates at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Red Bridge Pond

Mr. Peter Connor expressed concern that after a heavy rainfall a large quantity of deeply coloured water was running on the streets into the gutters. He could see no protection

on the south end of the street. The Contractor had placed filter fabric around the catch basins but Mr. Connor felt that the filters were poor and ineffective.

Mr. Connor contacted Mr. Ian Guppy of Halifax Water and advised him of the issue. Mr. Guppy was very prompt in his actions and offered to speak to the Supervisor. Mr. Connor explained that the horizontal gutter service has some protection but there was a vertical section left open. He expressed concern with the potential for any quantity of water kept in the filter portion eventually flowing directly into the lake and pond. The first line of defence would be to keep the material out of the catch basins/lake. He also expressed concern that there did not appear to be anything done in regard to the stock piled material as it was not covered with straw or bailed. Further, there does not appear to be any housekeeping of the streets such as sweeping the surface.

Ms. Christina Hoehne added that a fine sheet of dust was visible on the lake. It appears that almost every evening the road water is dumped on the area and the runoff appears to be washing into the lake near the Irving property. She commented that the filters may be too small and inappropriately placed.

Ms. Spencer offered to contact Halifax Water in regard to this issue. Councillor McCluskey advised that she would contact Councillor Andrew Younger, the area Councillor, immediately.

Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair, commented that action on this issue must be expedited.

8.2 North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer

Mr. Peter Connor commented that he viewed the Terrain Group website and newsletter in regard to the North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer project. He advised that the lowering of the water level on Lake Banook (to a maximum of two meters) will commence on Monday. He has spoken with Mr. Roger Levesque, Project Manager for Halifax Water but was unable to connect with Mr. Glen, Project Manager for Terrain Group. Mr. Connor further explained the process, as he understood it, for lowering the water level on Lake Banook in regard to the project. He circulated a copy of the information from the Terrain Group website.

The board commented that the process seemed to be well thought out.

Mr. Connor suggested the Mr. Roger Levesque, Halifax Water, be invited to attend the October meeting in regard to this project. He added that the project completion date for lowering the lake levels was December 2008.

Ms. Manzer commented that the Board should be advised of plans involving Lake Banook in relation to the upcoming World Championship races. She suggested that Graeme

Gallant be invited to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board to give a presentation on the Master Plans. Ms. Hoehne suggested he be invited to attend the November Board meeting.

8.3 Membership Update

Ms. Manzer, Chair, advised of three recent resignations from the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board. Membership will be discussed in further detail at the October meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2008.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Chris Newson
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