

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
NOTES
February 25, 2009**

PRESENT: Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair
Mr. Peter Connor
Ms. Christina Hoehne
Mr. Mark McLean

ABSENT: Councillor Gloria McCluskey (regrets)
Dr. Ron Beazley
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Mr. Pierre Clement
Dr. Mark Trevorrow

STAFF: Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer
Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair, called the meeting to order without quorum present at 5:35 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Findlay Community Centre, Dartmouth.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner, as the new staff liaison person to the Board and thanked Ms. Cathy Spencer, Development Officer, for her assistance while serving as the staff resource person to the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 28, 2009

Correction: Page 6 spelling of name no "e" on the end of "*Castelle*"

Clarification: Staff to confirm whether Lake William is not considered to be a growth area in HRM's Regional Plan.

Deferred to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

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

The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Participation in the Scotia Weather Services Inc. Project

The Board agreed that if the focus of Scotia Weather Services was on Lake Charles they would be interested in participating as Lake Charles would be within the area mandated for the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board's consideration and is the highest lake in the system.

Ms. Manzer offered to contact Mr. MacLeod, Scotia Weather Services, in regard to the Board's decision.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - NONE

6.2 Petitions - NONE

6.3 Delegations

6.3.1 2009 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, Infrastructure and Asset Management, presented an update on the work surrounding Lake Banook in relation to the 2009 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships.

Highlights of Mr. Bigelow's presentation are as follows:

- Lions Beach: A natural shoreline will be reinstalled including a rock jetty that will keep sand from migrating and also permit people to walk out upon. The intent is to make the area available to the general public for swimming with a grassed area for events such as regattas and camping for visiting clubs. Future plans include a public washroom as well as a public canoe launch. There will be no floating dock in 2009. There will be a pull through for canoe trailers (removable bollard). Team flagpoles will be located in this area.
- Findlay Park: Improvements have been made to the area which is a preserve habitat for birds. There is a possibility of the area being a future interpretation site as it was a Mi'kmaq campsite. Salvaged canal stones are being used in the overflow area to cleanse the stream.
- Patterson Corner: Located behind the Senobe Canoe Club and used primarily by the canoe clubs as a race course training centre, the area will have a tiered campsite. The cooperation of the Senobe and Mic Mac Canoe Clubs will be required for this future project. There is a strong historic Mi'kmaq presence in this area. Three legends will be depicted along the Elm and Prince Albert Road open space plaza of the traditional Mi'kmaq canoe.
- Turtle Grove: Will be used for boat control/judge's towers. Many athletes will also be accommodated in the area as it is the finish line. Child members of the canoe clubs will be permitted limited access to the area to meet the athletes (restricted area below Oakwood House). The parking lot will be reconfigured to improve drainage and will be paved. Pathways will also be redone (Oakdale Crescent) with a minimal cutting of trees.

Birch Cove: Athletes will arrive approximately one week prior to the competition to acclimatize and will be located in the Birch Cove area. There will be a more formalized parking area and additional buildings (municipally serviced washrooms/shower towers) for the athletes. One shower tower will remain post Championships and the remainder distributed to other HRM parks. Birch Cove will not open as a public beach until after the Championships. Sullivans Pond: Future work includes a cleanup of the canal greenway (Star property) and a trail with some landscaping. An archeological dig was done on the site. Silvers Hill: There was no funding for seeding/terracing of the existing topography. There will be an Events Plaza (Prince Albert Road) with hardscaping of the existing gravel parking lot. Designers are working to incorporate an etching of a large scale map of the Shubie Waterway into the hardscape. The etching would be uncovered for special events. Huge opportunities exist to showcase the heritage of the area with a number of themes such as: hockey, ice house, canal, First Nation.

Glen Bagnells

Folly: Concrete structure on hill to remain. Most likely the name will be changed to a Mi'kmaq name meaning "to lead by canoe".

- Expansion of the high performance area will commence in one week.
- All wires will be underground with lighting consistent with perimeter lighting.
- Permanent wiring will be installed for a sound system.
- A \$300,000 docking system will be installed.
- An addition to the North Star boat shed will be done following the event as it will not be utilized during the Championships.
- Bleachers will be brought in for the Mic Mac Canoe Club parking lot area.
- The old seawall will be planed down with soldier course material placed alongside.
- There will be one floating judges tower. The existing tower was pulled back 200' closer to finish line near the boardwalk. A new starting tower will be placed at Graham Grove.
- Signage will brand the area as a training area and showcase it as a place where people have gathered for many years.
- Branding will connect current tradition with older traditions; an actual First Nations petroglyph will be incorporated into the area.
- Consideration was given to using the petroglyph symbol on the docks where the cameras will be located.
- Consideration also given to imprinting the symbol on the back of the medals with a Mi'kmaq symbol that would be meaningful.

- An LED sign will be installed at the Lake where future events could be advertised.
- The trail along the North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer will be approximately 3.5 to 4 meters wide.
- Landscaping (planting) will be done.
- A meeting will be held for all residents in the area in regard to the construction/details regarding the event itself.

The Board suggested that someone (Allan Billiard or Harry Chapman) be contacted in regard to writing a book containing the information of the preparation for the World Canoe Championship and the rich cultural heritage of the area.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

Ms. Manzer advised that:

- There would be a presentation from Stantec, formerly Jacques Whitford, at the March meeting in regard to the Water Quality Monitoring Functional Plan.
- Dartmouth Crossing has information on their website introducing the "Fish Park" located adjacent to the new bridge. The park will feature a trout spawning pool at Grassy Brook.

7.2 Staff Update

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner, advised that Dartmouth Crossing has applied for rezoning to Burnside Comprehensive Development District (BCDD) for a portion of their land which would permit a mix of residential/office units. A report is expected to be before the Harbour East Community Council in April or May. He agreed to provide a copy of the report to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board once available.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, March 25, 2009

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant