

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

October 28, 2009

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Connor, Interim Chair
Mr. Pierre Clement, Interim Vice-Chair
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Ms. Christina Hoehne
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse

REGRETS: Mr. Mark McLean
Dr. Mark Trevorrow

STAFF: Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Sharon Webber, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Peter Connor, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. in Room 101, Findlay Centre, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 30, 2009

MOVED BY Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand, seconded by Ms. Christine Hoehne that the minutes of September 30, 2009, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Jackie Barkhouse entered the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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

- Additions:**
- 5.1 Aquatic Weed - Lake Banook/Mic Mac
 - 8.1 Penhorn / Woodlawn Community Visioning Liaison Group and that this item be dealt with first.
 - 8.2 Concept Subdivision Application - 140 Eileen Stubbs Avenue, Dartmouth
 - 8.3 Invitation to Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board to Participate in Workshop: "*Water, Water, Everywhere - Who's Governing?*"
 - 8.4 Decadel Lake Synoptic Survey
 - 8.5 Legislative Support
 - 8.6 November Visioning Exercise

MOVED BY Ms. Christine Hoehne, seconded by Mr. Pierre Clement that the order of business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Board agreed to deal with Item 8.1 at this time.

8.1 Penhorn / Woodlawn Community Visioning Liaison Group

C A copy of the Draft Vision dated May 23, 2009 was before the Board.

Mr. David Lane and Ms. Maria Jacobs, HRM Planners associated with the Community Visioning exercises, provided an update on behalf of the Penhorn / Woodlawn Community Visioning Liaison Group.

Ms. Jacobs reviewed the process leading to the draft vision and action strategy dated May 23, 2009. She advised that the document had been further revised and now contained the amendment to include the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board as an advisory group for the final Penhorn / Woodlawn Community Visioning Exercise draft.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 High Phosphorous Counts - Russell Lake

The Legislative Assistant advised that an update was expected for the November meeting.

4.2 Oathill Lake Closure

Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Protection Officer, had forwarded information in response to the Board's concerns in regard to the Oathill Lake closure. Upon review of the information provided, the Board placed the following motion:

MOVED BY Mr. Pierre Clement, seconded by Mr. Klaus Hellenbrand that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board request a response from staff in regard to the following:

- 1. Has staff learned anything from this incident in regard to the sampling strategy. Based on the data obtained and the result of the analysis, were there areas that staff now feel they should be sampling that they may not have been.**
- 2. Is consideration being given to standardizing the sampling strategy.**

The Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board was very pleased to see the quick response and action by HRM and the province in regard to the elevated counts with signage being placed at the lake alerting the public as well as the post analysis response; a second sign posted advising the public that everything was okay.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.3 Amendment to the Terms of Reference - Decision of Harbour East Community Council

The Legislative Assistant advised that the Harbour East Community Council had approved the DLAB request to have their Terms of Reference amended in regard to the

quorum requirement. Quorum would now be 50% of the membership at any given time, therefore; with the current membership, quorum would be 4.

4.4 Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Membership - Decision of Harbour East Community Council

The Legislative Assistant advised that the issue of membership had not yet been dealt with by the Harbour East Community Council. All information, including a list of current and proposed candidates, has been forwarded to Harbour East Community Council for their next meeting. An update will be provided at the November meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Aquatic Weed - Lake Banook/Mic Mac

Mr. Connor explained that Mr. Gordon had volunteered to collect a sample of the weed for analysis and identification. Mr. Clement offered to follow-up with Mr. Gordon.

Ms. Christine Hoehne expressed concern that it may be too late in the season to complete the task.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

7.1.1 Scotia Weather Services

Mr. Connor advised that he had contacted Mr. Matt MacLeod, Scotia Weather Services, explaining the decision of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board in regard to the invitation for them to participate in a study. He explained to Mr. MacLeod that the area of focus was not within the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board's area, however; if the parameters were to change to focus on Lake Charles the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board would be interested in participating. Mr. MacLeod indicated that the project presented to the Board was actually a year or two behind and offered to put the information into a high level document for the Board.

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner, suggested that there may be other projects of interest to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board.

7.1.2 Workshop Briefing - Friends of the Earth

The Legislative Assistant advised that a staff briefing was expected for the November meeting in regard to the October Workshop.

7.1.3 Audrey Manzer Retirement Celebration

Mr. Connor advised that the celebration in recognition of Ms. Manzer's 38 year service to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board was well attended. He noted that Ms. Manzer was very pleased with the thoughtful recognition of her service. He thanked all who participated and those who assisted with the organization of the event.

7.2 Staff Update

Mr. Driscoll advised that there were no upcoming public meetings but there were two items coming forward to the Harbour East Community Council, neither of which would have an impact on the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board.

In response to Mr. Connor, Mr. Driscoll offered to look into potential plans for the former Starr property and provide an update for the next meeting.

Councillor Barkhouse retired from the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Penhorn / Woodlawn Community Visioning Liaison Group

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3.

Ms. Christine Hoehne, retired from the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

8.2 Concept Subdivision Application - 140 Eileen Stubbs Avenue, Dartmouth

The Board reviewed the concept map in regard to 140 Eileen Stubbs Avenue and agreed to request permission to walk the property on Saturday.

Mr. Driscoll offered to provide further information in regard to the timing of the proposed development at the next meeting.

8.3 Invitation for Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board to Participate in Workshop: "Water, Water, Everywhere - Who's Governing?"

Ms. Christine Hoehne and Mr. Pierre Clement expressed interest in participating in the “Water, Water, Everywhere - Who’s Governing?” workshop and requested clarity on their role at the workshop.

The Legislative Assistant advised that Mr. Driscoll had also been requested to participate. Mr. Driscoll offered to review the material and forward any additional information to those interested in attending.

8.4 Decadel Lake Synoptic Water Quality Sampling

Mr. Clement advised that he had contacted the previous participants of the water quality sampling initiative done each of the last two decades (Department of Transportation, Department of Fisheries and Ocean and the Bedford Institute of Technology) and they have indicated their interest in repeating the project in 2010; the last analysis for HRM was completed in March 2000. With the coordinated efforts of the participants, samples would be taken from 52 lakes in HRM and sent to labs in Moncton, NB and Ottawa, ON for analysis. The analysis would provide important information in regard to current water conditions which would indicate any changes that may have occurred or were occurring. Most other jurisdictions / municipalities do not do regular, substantial samplings of their water bodies.

Mr. Clement explained that he would be forwarding correspondence by late December to the interested partners to confirm their interest.

8.5 Legislative Support

Mr. Connor introduced Ms. Sharon Webber, Legislative Support person for the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board. Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant, explained that the Legislative Support person would be attending the meetings and recording the minutes, however; the Legislative Assistant would remain the contact person for the Board and would continue with all other duties associated with the Board.

8.6 November Visioning Exercise

The Board reviewed past members and participants of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board who would be valuable candidates for participation in the upcoming visioning exercise. The Legislative Assistant will forward the information to the Acting Municipal Clerk for consideration.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, November 23, 2009

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Webber
Legislative Support