

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

November 25, 2009

PRESENT: Mr. Pierre Clement, Interim Vice-Chair
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand
Ms. Christina Hoehne
Dr. Mark Trevorrow

REGRETS: Mr. Peter Connor, Interim Chair
Mr. Mark McLean
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pierre Clement, Interim Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. in Room 101 of the Findlay Centre, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 28, 2009

MOVED BY Ms. Christine Hoehne, seconded by Dr. Mark Trevorrow that the minutes of October 28, 2009, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**4.1 High Phosphorus – Russell Lake**

Mr. Pierre Clement reviewed the results which were previously discussed by Dr. Mark Trevorrow. Dr. Trevorrow reviewed a report he received from Mr. Peter Connor issued September 11, 2009 via email. The fecal coliform was considered to be over healthy levels. This would be the second reading of samples (August 2006 and August 2009) which exceeded the threshold limits by 25%. The members then discussed what action, if any, HRM was taking in regard to this situation. Mr. Clement suggested that this may be an opportunity to do a study on this situation. He suggested that the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) and some local high schools have water quality programs which could assist in analyzing the problem.

MOVED BY Dr. Mark Trevorrow, seconded by Mr. Klaus Hellenbrand that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board request staff to respond to the following:

- 1. What their understanding is regarding the high levels of fecal coliform in Russell Lake?**
- 2. What is the current process in dealing with this?**
- 3. Would HRM consider speaking with organizations such as the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) and local high schools to analyze the Russell Lake area for water quality.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

4.2 Oathill Lake Closure

4.2.1. Comment from Mr. Cameron Deacoff, HRM Environmental Performance Officer

The Board reviewed the response from Mr. Cameron Deacoff dated November 3, 2009. No further action required.

4.3 Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Membership – Decision of Harbour East Community Council

Mr. Pierre Clement advised the Board that the Harbour East Community Council have yet to approve appointments by the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society and the Halifax Regional School Board. The Harbour East Community Council will be holding a special meeting in the near future to review the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board membership.

Ms. Christina Hoehne inquired why the University appointment was not mentioned.

MOVED BY Ms. Christine Hoehne, seconded by Mr. Pierre Clement that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board request clarification from the Municipal Clerk's Office as to why the University appointment was not identified in the memo issued November 23, 2009 and when the invitations will be extended to the new members. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

4.4 Workshop Briefing – Friends of the Earth

Mr. Clement requested that the Board review the document and provide comment at the next meeting.

4.5 Aquatic Weed – Lake Banook / Mic Mac

Mr. Clement provided a brief review of the subject. Dr. Don Gordon did take a look at this situation and found that the weed growth seemed to be normal for this species, however; the exact species was unknown.

Dr. Mark Trevorrow suggested that the Board engage one of the canoe clubs to monitor the weeds. Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand suggested that the Board wait until next growing season to address this issue. Ms. Christina Hoehne suggested taking photographs of the growth process. Dr. Trevorrow suggested that the growth may be due to low water levels.

The Board agreed to defer this matter to March 2010.

4.6 Workshop: *"Water, Water, Everywhere – Who is Governing"*

Mr. Clement attended the workshop sponsored by the Dartmouth Area Watershed

Network (DAWN). One of the main points from this workshop were discussions about the differences between advocacy versus advisory. Mr. Clement presented the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board's role in the advisory capacity and gave examples of the work the Board has achieved over the years. Mr. Clement noted that this was a very interesting workshop and that he would ensure the Board received a copy of his summary.

4.7 Synoptic Water Quality Lake Sampling

Mr. Clement gave a quick review of this project to the Board. There has been no further activity on this project.

Dr. Trevorrow and Ms. Hoehne inquired what the information was used for. Mr. Clement indicated that reports for the previous two studies were written and used in other water studies.

4.8 Visioning Exercise – Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board

Mr. Clement advised that Ms. Cathy Mellett, Acting Municipal Clerk, had informed him that the Visioning Exercise would not occur until January 2010 and would only be open to current serving members of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board.

Ms. Hoehne indicated that by not inviting previous members the Visioning Exercise will be missing out on valuable expertise from past Board members.

Mr. Clement offered to write a letter to the Municipal Clerk's Office expressing the Board's concerns.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

7.1.1 Concept Subdivision Application – 140 Eileen Stubbs Avenue, Dartmouth

Mr. Clement advised that he, Mr. Connor and Dr. Hellenbrand walked the property then submitted their comments to Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner, for review. All documentation was issued to the Board for their review.

Dr. Hellenbrand suggested that an expert define wetlands and the water course of this area. Dr. Trevorrow requested that someone evaluate the size of the proposed area.

Mr. Driscoll will take both of these items away for review.

7.2 Staff Update

Mr. Driscoll discussed the Canal Greenway Project. The master plan for this project has been approved by HRM and some work has already been done. The work to be done will depend on consultant recommendations and the funds available. The project organizers will also be holding public information sessions along the way as well. Mr. Driscoll will forward a PDF copy of this plan to Board members.

There are no public meetings scheduled for December.

There are no development proposals affecting Dartmouth waterways at this time.

Mr. Driscoll inquired, on behalf of Councillor Nicoll, whether the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board would be interested in matters relating to Bisset Lake. Mr. Clement responded that yes this lake falls within the Board's boundaries.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Sharon Webber
Legislative Support