

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

October 6, 2010

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Connor, Chair
Mr. Pierre Clement, Vice Chair
Ms. Christina Hoehne
Ms. Johanna Campbell
Mr. Mark McLean
Dr. Cathy Conrad
Dr. Mark Trevorrow
Mr. Peter Crowther

REGRETS: Councillor Jackie Barkhouse
Dr. Klaus Hellenbrand

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Peter Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. in Room 101 of the Findlay Centre, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 1, 2010

Corrections: 5.2 **Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner**, advised the Board ...
8.2 **Phoslock** (spelling correction)

MOVED BY Ms. Christina Hoehne, seconded by Mr. Mark McLean that the minutes of September 1, 2010, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS - NONE**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE****5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS****5.1 Aquatic Weed Dartmouth Lakes – Update from Public Meeting Held on September 2, 2010**

Ms. Christina Hoehne gave a brief update on the Public Meeting held on September 2, 2010. These weeds will be cut using an underwater mower. A committee will set up consisting of individuals from the Department of Fisheries, Halifax Regional Municipality and private citizens.

Mr. Peter Connor wanted to know when the weed are cut, will they come back stronger? Ms. Hoehne indicated that the audience was focused strictly on cutting down these weeds and this question was not discussed.

Mr. Connor then asked if the cutting disturbed the bottom of the lake. Dr. Mark Trevorrow indicated that the cutting process does not disturb the lake bed. As the weed is cut it is loaded on a barge for disposal.

Mr. Connor was wondered if anyone knew what the motivation of the growth could be as the water levels in this waterway have been quite stable for the past several years with the exception of the draining. Ms. Hoehne indicated that the focus of the meeting was to get rid of the weed, although there was quite a bit of speculation and hypothesis around the cause with no proof.

MOVED BY Ms. Christina Hoehne, seconded by Dr. Cathy Conrad that we request that staff report to DLAB, the causes for the prolific aquatic weed in Dartmouth Lakes and the proposed management approach.

5.2 2010 Synoptic Survey of HRM Lakes (Decadel Study)

Mr. Pierre Clement gave the Board an update on the progress of this Study.

He indicated that they are having problems securing helicopters. There will be a meeting on October 22, 2010 at NSCC to discuss alternate options to helicopter use. They will also be developing teams as well as research criteria on how to complete this study.

Mr. Clement also indicated that NSCC is interested in incorporating this study as part of their Water Resources criteria.

5.3 Brochure Status

Mr. McLean handed out the brochure "Waterfront Living" to the Board. He also noted it was outdated dated and should be revised.

Mr. Clement indicated that this brochure was provided by DFO to DLAB and DLAB had arranged to have it available for distribution at the housing office.

Dr. Conrad indicated that although this brochure might have been good at the time she was concerned that today each lake in Dartmouth could have their own unique concerns which should be addressed.

Mr. Connor cautioned the Board as to how this topic should proceed. The members then engaged in various discussions around if we should move forward. It was decided that we would like to engage in the first step and await feedback.

MOTION BY Mr. Clement, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that we propose to Harbour East Community Council that DLAB engage staff with the intent to create a brochure indicating best practices for those who dwell on waterfront properties.

5.4 Restoration Projects

Mr. McLean has had discussions with Clean Nova Scotia. They currently have 6-7 Restoration projects in the Dartmouth area with the Ellenvale Run being the furthest along. They will come to our meeting on November 3, 2010 to give a brief update on these projects.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence_ - NONE

6.2 Petitions - NONE

6.3 Delegations

6.3.1 Urban Water Conservation

Councillor Peter Lund gave the Board his presentation of Urban Water Conservation. This presentation was the same one he presented to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference which was held in February, 2010.

The main topics included:

- Halifax Water Initiatives
- Governance and HRM Projects
- Local Challenges

There are four Functional Plans (FP):

- Water Quality Monitoring
- Storm Water Management
- Waste Water Management
- Regional Parking Strategy (started in February, 2010)

Mr. Connor thanked Councillor Lund for his presentation.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report – Verbal - NONE

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, November 3, 2010

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Sharon Webber
Legislative Support