

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

July 4, 2012

PRESENT: Pierre Clement, Chair  
Peter Connor, Vice Chair  
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse  
Christina Hoehne  
Mark McLean

REGRETS: Mark Trevorrow  
Johanna Campbell

STAFF: Richard MacLellan, Manager Energy and Environment  
Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer  
Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. in Room 101, Findlay Centre, Dartmouth.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2012**

Mr. McLean requested the following amendments to item 7.1.1: he clarified that he did not attend the workshop referred to in the second paragraph and requested that the final sentence of that paragraph be deleted. He requested that the word “salting” be deleted from the third paragraph and that the order of the third and fourth paragraphs be reversed.

Mr. McLean requested that the second paragraph of item 4.3 be amended to read as follows: “The Board entered into a discussion on reviewing policies when the causes or systemic problems of total phosphorus levels may not be known and the role of the policy review in terms of measuring outcomes.”

**MOVED by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Connor that the minutes of June 6, 2012 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Peter Connor – Discussion re: removal of weeds in Lake Banook
- 8.2 Peter Connor – Discussion re: alteration of shoreline on Boutlier’s Grove, Lake Micmac
- 8.3 Peter Connor – Discussion re: Information Item #1 – Information Report dated June 21, 2012 re: Lake Levels, Lake Banook
- 8.4 Peter Connor – Discussion re: sand on HRM beaches

**MOVED by Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Status Sheet Review**

The Board reviewed the Status Sheet and agreed to retain the three items currently listed but removed the note referring to the drop-box and the July meeting.

## **4.2 Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review**

A copy of the report “A Watershed Management Plan for Russell Lake”, dated July 1994, was before the Board.

Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager Energy and Environment, circulated graphs titled “Total Phosphorus Results in Russell Lake, 1975-2012” and “Total Phosphorus Results in Russell Lake, 2005-2012”. He also circulated a table of policy excerpts and consolidated questions and comments.

The Board entered into a discussion, expressing appreciation for the comprehensive data in the 1994 Report. Members also expressed concern that policies need to be watershed-specific, not development-specific. The Board noted that measuring the concentration of phosphorus did not provide data on the origin or the effect of the phosphorus. Members questioned whether Russell Lakes needs “restorative” action or what the expectation is for the Lake. They noted that other indicators besides phosphorus could be significant in terms of these questions.

The Board agreed to forward additional comments to Mr. MacLellan and that Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer, would further examine the 1994 Report recommendations and current HRM policies and provide this data to the Board at a future meeting.

## **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **6.1 Correspondence – None**

### **6.2 Petitions – None**

### **6.3 Delegations – None**

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **7.1.1 Chairman’s Report – *Mr. Pierre Clement (Verbal Update)***

The Chair noted that Councillor Barkhouse presented a letter on behalf of the Board, dated June 7, 2012, to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee on June 7, 2012. The Chair requested that the Legislative Assistant provide Board members with the HRM website link to correspondence to that Standing Committee.

The Chair informed the Board that he was present for part of a June 13, 2012 meeting on the Shubenacadie Lakes Watershed and that Mr. McLean also attended.

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 Peter Connor – Discussion re: removal of weeds in Lake Banook**

Mr. Connor indicated that he had heard about funding to remove weeds from Lake Banook and expressed concern. Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager Energy and Environment, clarified that weeds will be removed if they create a safety issue for paddlers.

**8.2 Peter Connor – Discussion re: alteration of shoreline on Boutlier's Grove, Lake Micmac**

Mr. Connor informed staff and the Board about a possible shoreline alteration on a property on Boutlier's Grove.

**8.3 Peter Connor – Discussion re: Information Item #1 – Information Report dated June 21, 2012 re: Lake Levels, Lake Banook**

Board members noted that they have seen greater changes in water levels than the 38 to 42 cm mentioned in the June 21, 2012 Information Report. The Board disagreed that calls to Halifax Water about lake levels are not related to storm water management.

**8.4 Peter Connor – Discussion re: sand on HRM beaches**

Mr. Connor expressed concern that information about sand deposited on HRM beaches does not take into account the amount of silt that gets into the lakes.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - September 5, 2012**

The Board agreed to cancel their August 1, 2012 meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Support

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Information Report dated June 21, 2012 re: Lake Levels, Lake Banook