

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

October 10, 2012

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

REGRETS: Johanna Campbell  
Mark Trevorrow

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. in Room 101, Findlay Centre, Dartmouth.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 10, 2012**

**MOVED by Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the minutes of October 10, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

The Board agreed to approve the order of business as presented.

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

**4.1 Status Sheet Review**

A copy of the Status Sheet was before the Board for review.

In reference to item 8.1 of the Status Sheet, Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer, clarified for the Board that the Dartmouth Marine Patrol was privately contracted and primarily patrolled Lake Banook and MicMac Lake, with some patrols of Kearney Lake. He noted that the contract is through police services and HRM Police should be called in the event of a problem. They, in turn, will contact the Patrol.

Ms. Hoehne suggested the Board follow up on this matter in the spring of 2013 as her experience was that the communication procedure between the police and the Marine Patrol was not well known. The Board agreed that the Legislative Assistant would convey the Board's concern to the police.

In reference to item 8.3 of the Status Sheet, the Chair noted that the Board has not received a response from staff on this item. He clarified that the construction in question was not a roadway but a French Drain. The Board agreed that this matter appears to be under provincial jurisdiction.

The Board concluded its discussion and agreed to remove the following items from the Status Sheet:

- Staff to consolidate Board's feedback and provide update at July 4, 2012 meeting
- Staff to provide outline of expectations of MPS review for June meeting
- Clarification on mandate of boat patrols
- Staff to inquire into roadway construction occurring behind Breamar Drive

**4.2 Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review**  
**(i) Information Report dated August 10, 2012 entitled “Erosion and Sedimentation Control via HRM Development Process”**

The Board agreed to discuss the above Information Report first and then continue with the MPS Policy Review.

Mr. Connor referred to the section on building permits and expressed the concern that not all sedimentation control is directed to manholes and catch basins and that best practices need to be followed in municipal repair work as well as during new construction which is governed by erosion and sedimentation control plans. The Chair noted that overlapping jurisdiction creates a lack of clarity about regulatory authority. Mr. McLean added that HRM appears to exercise more authority than the Information Report indicates. Staff provided clarification on sections of the City Charter and the *Provincial Municipalities Act*. The Board agreed to return to this item at a future meeting when it was prepared to make recommendations.

Ms. Hoehne retired from the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

The Board then continued its discussion of the Policy Review, beginning at Policy 9 of the document “Summary of Policy Recommendation Uptake from Russell Lake Watershed Management Plan by Dartmouth MPS”. Staff circulated an updated version of this document and provided large scale maps of the Russell Lake watershed area. Mr. Deacoff clarified that all available storm sewer information is indicated on the map. Mr. MacLellan noted that he would inquire into when infrastructure data from Halifax Water is made available to map updates.

Staff also circulated aerial photographs of the Russell Lake area taken in June 2012 that show riparian buffers, subdivision development and a retention pond. Mr. MacLellan noted that a study on Russell Lake and potential nutrient sources would be forthcoming in November 2012.

Councillor Barkhouse retired from the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

The Board and staff also reviewed Policies 10-13. Staff agreed to clarify where policies may refer to both the Morris Lake system and the Russell Lake system. Staff noted that, with regards to natural landscaping, the Urban Forest Masterplan and the Open Space Policy may have relevant wording and staff will examine these documents for connections and possible gaps and provide an update. The Board discussed defining terms such as “natural drainage systems/channels” and possibly mapping these systems.

The Board concluded its discussion and agreed to continue working with the summary at the next meeting, starting at Policy 14. Mr. MacLellan stated that he would synthesize and incorporate the Board’s comments into the summary.

**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 stated he had no further information to report at this time.

**8. ADDED ITEMS -- NONE**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 7, 2012**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Support