

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
July 16, 2008

PRESENT: Dr. Wayne Stobo
Mr. David Ripley
Mr. Ross Evans
Mr. Walter Regan
Mr. Nathaniel Smith
Dr. Barry Thomas
Councillor Mary Wile

REGRETS: Ms. Ellinor Williams
Mr. Derrill Hynick
Mr. Scott Harron

STAFF: Mr. Brian White, Planner
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant

GUESTS: Ms. Anna McCarron

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at Halifax Hall at 6:35 p.m.

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

The Chair suggested and it was agreed by the Board, that Item 6.1 be dealt with at the beginning of the meeting so that the Ms. McCarron would not need to wait.

6.1 Presentation: Anna McCarron

Ms. McCarron presented the following abstract of her thesis dated December 20, 2007 entitled *Given its Role, the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board's Ability to Influence Water Resource Protection: a Case Study*. The abstract reads as follows:

Stakeholders engaged in land use planning and development in Halifax County and in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) have recognized Water Advisory Boards (WABs) for their expertise in water resource protection for over 35 years. During this time, WAB's have played a significant role in providing informal advice to land use planning and development stakeholders and formal advice to municipal government units, about implementing ecologically responsible land use practices designed to protect HRM water resources. Despite these efforts, water resources continue to be degraded as a result of non-ecologically responsible land use practices.

The Halifax Watershed Advisory Board (HWAB) has been formally designated, through a "Motion in Council", to provide advice to HRM about how to protect water resources with respect to land use planning and development activities under its jurisdiction defined by its Terms of Reference. Given the role of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board (HWAB), this case study found that the HWABs ability to influence water resource protection through the land use planning and development activity review process is constrained. Factors contributing to the HWABs ability to influence were identified through the results of the quantitative and qualitative analyses of data collected through direct observations documentation and policy review, archival records, and surveys and interviews with land use planning and development stakeholders. The findings were analysed based on what the literature describes as an influential natural resource advisory group process. Recommendations were made on how the HWAB could have more

influence on land use planning and development activities to protect water resources in HRM.

After the presentation, the Board and Ms. McCarron had a discussion on what could be done to better improve the effectiveness of the Board. It was decided that members would go away at the end of the meeting and reflect on what they had heard and return to the table at the next meeting with their thoughts and concerns on paper. This will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - June 18, 2008

One error was noted on page 4, bullet “vi”, it should read, “. . . HRM to cover any erosion and sediments problems.” Take the “d” out.

Due to the numbers changing on Item 4.1, Dr. Stobo asked the LA to resend the minutes so that everyone has the correct numbering.

MOVED BY Councillor Wile, seconded by Mr. Smith that the minutes of June 18, 2008, be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Review of Reports

Case 01147: Phase 2 Twin Brooks Development

Due to time restraints, this item will be deferred to the next meeting of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Meeting.

Case 00898: Lost Creek Village

Members of the Board reviewed the report drafted by Mr. Ripley. Changes were noted and will be completed by Mr. Ripley. Mr. Ripley will send the report to Dr. Stobo for his final review and then it will be forwarded on to Ms. Coleman to send to the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council.

5. DEFERRED AND STATUS SHEET ITEMS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Presentation: Anna McCarron

This item was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.

6.2 Issues related to the improvement and maintenance of the sewer easement through and adjacent the Sackville River

Due to time restraints, this item will be deferred to the next meeting of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Meeting.

6.3 Concept Plans - to what extent that the Board can discuss (storm water management) - what are the guidelines for HWAB

Due to time restraints, this item will be deferred to the next meeting of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Meeting.

6.4 Responding to the Natural Resources strategy

Due to time restraints, this item will be deferred to the next meeting of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

9. ADDED ITEMS

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Halifax Watershed Advisory meeting will be August 20, 2008.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant