



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
January 14, 2015**

PRESENT: Mr. Allan Billard, Chair
 Ms. Darlene Fenton
 Dr. Barry Thomas
 Mr. Walter Regan, Vice Chair
 Mr. Pierre Clement
 Mr. Mark McLean
 Mr. Peter Lund
 Mr. Tom Mills

STAFF: Mr. Andrew Reid, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., and adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02.

Mr. Andrew Reid called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Mills that Mr. Allan Billard be elected chair of the Halifax Regional Watershed Advisory Board for a one year term.

Mr. Reid called three more times for any nominations and there being none, Mr. Billard was elected Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called for any nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

MOVED by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. MacLean that Mr. Walter Regan be elected vice chair of the Halifax Regional Watersheds Advisory Board for a one year term.

Mr. Billard called three times for any more nominations and there being none, Mr. Regan was elected Vice Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2014

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Thomas that the minutes of November 12, 2014 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Board gave introductions to all members and staff for new members present.

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

The Chair stated for the record that the Board was interested in the following issues for discussion at a future time:

- Lake Banook weed growth
- Lake water quality monitoring
- Daylighting the Sawmill River

MOVED by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Regan that the agenda be approved as presented.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

7.1 HRM File # 14900 Concept Subdivision Application

The following was before the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board:

- *A revised Subdivision Application Form dated August 19, 2014.*

Mr. Lund entered the meeting at 5:33.

The Board expressed concern with the amount of information provided in application. Mr. Mills commented that it may be the opportune time for the highway commercial section of subdivision to be hooked into Aerotech Park wastewater treatment plant.

The Board provided the following questions and comments:

- Is water on the site sulfide bearing and how will it be managed?
- Are the two burrow pits acid slate? If so, the pits must be in-filled and sealed.
- A 20m setback from the brook should be enforced.

Moved by Mr. Regan seconded by Mr. Mills that more current information be requested on the application so that the Board can provide greater feedback including the long term plan on the area, questions regarding water, sewage, and acid slate. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 11, 2015
9.1 Approval of 2015 Meeting Schedule**

Moved by Mr. Lund seconded by Mr. Regan that the 2015 meeting schedule be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Andrew Reid
Legislative Assistant