



**REGIONAL WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
September 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Walter Regan, Chair
Ms. Kelly Schnare, Vice Chair
Ms. Jennifer Rocard
Mr. Russell Dmytriw
Mr. Pierre Clement

REGRETS: Dr. Iain Taylor
Ms. Darlene Fenton

STAFF: Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Maxine Tynes Room, 2nd floor, Alderney Public Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 10, 2016

Mr. Walter Regan indicated that the following wording should be included respecting Mr. Jamieson's response for Item 9.1: "He noted that assumptions were made for this modelling *and it is believed that phosphorous could be as much as 25 percent from sewer overflows.*" The Board agreed to the wording and it was MOVED by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Dmytriw

THAT the minutes of August 10, 2016 be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

10.1 Status Update - Weed Removal Program in Lake Banook

MOVED by Mr. Clement, seconded by Ms. Schnare

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**
- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**
- 8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Presentation from Dalhousie University re: Dalhousie's draft report to the Municipality on the Paper Mill Lake watershed assessment study.

The following was before the Board:

- A draft report on the Paper Mill Lake watershed assessment study prepared by Dalhousie University

The Board reviewed the draft report with Dr. Rob Jamieson, Dalhousie University responding to questions. The following clarification was provide by Dr. Jamieson:

- Paper Mill Lake is primarily protected from the wind and wind effects would be minimal; it may be a good idea to insert a comment to this effect
- Paper Mill Lake is monitored on a monthly basis and the zone of anoxia was stable

- Dalhousie did not initially have information from Halifax Water respecting run-off coefficients; the first numbers were rough assumptions, but Dalhousie have since received the data for these numbers

Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer explained that this study is the third phase of a three phase project. He noted that once the final report is received, Dalhousie and HRM staff will present it to the North West Community Council. Mr. Dmytyriw asked that the Board be notified once the report is made public.

In response to a question regarding the wide range of export coefficients, Mr. Jamieson explained that the type of development and the climate varies between the samples.

Mr. Scot MacCallum of Clayton Developments was invited to address the Board. Mr. MacCallum commented that standard BMP design would allow greater certainty for estimates.

The Committee discussed the best practices for the timing and frequency of sampling.

Mr. Walter Regan noted that he would like to see more on stream gauging in the report.

The Board requested that next month there be an item on the agenda for drafting a motion regarding the report.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Status Update - Weed Removal Program in Lake Banook

Members asked how the Weed Removal Program in Lake Banook was progressing. Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer explained that the contractors tried to remove the weeds before they flowered and spread. He explained that the harvesting has not been conducted year-long, however the planning for the harvesting has. He noted that the harvesting ended in mid-August and will start again early next season, commenting that at this point, there are no final summary results. Mr. Deacoff advised that next year will be year two (2) of the three (3) year contract for the Program.

The Board requested that they receive an update on this matter at their January meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 12, 2016 at 5 p.m., Maxine Tynes Room, Alderney Public Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Support