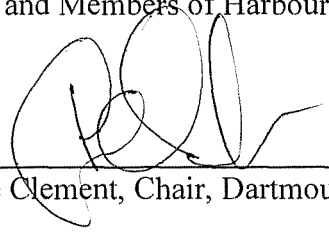


Harbour East Community Council
June 14, 2012

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Pierre Clement, Chair, Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board

DATE: May 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy Water Policy Review

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Motion of Harbour East Community Council January 17, 2012:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Harbour East Community Council:

1. Forward a copy of the December 19, 2011 report to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board (DLAB) and request a written report of recommended policy alternatives for the consideration of HECC to enhance the preservation of water quality, particularly at Russell Lake;
2. Following receipt of the referenced DLAB report, direct staff to hold a community consultation, entitled "Options for the Protection of Russell Lake", to review:
 - a. The recommended policy alternatives presented by DLAB;
 - b. Additional community or other stakeholder options or alternatives;
 - c. The historical and relevant data related to water quality.
3. Direct staff to prepare a recommendation report to Harbour East Community Council reviewing all the presented options and alternatives.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board February 1, 2012, March 7, 2012 and April 4, 2012 meetings;
Motion of April 4, 2012:

MOVED by Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board prepare a report of recommended policy alternatives for the consideration of Harbour East Community Council to enhance the preservation of water quality, particularly at Russell Lake. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

BACKGROUND

February 1, 2012

A report from the Harbour East Community Council dated January 18, 2012 was before the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board (the Board) at its February 1, 2012 meeting.

During the meeting, staff provided an overview of the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy ML-30. Staff suggested the Board conduct a review of the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy policy to identify whether the entire MPS, or sections thereof, require possible revisions. It was noted that staff would draft a recommendation report outlining the process and procedures for the Board's consideration at its next meeting.

MOVED by Mark McLean, seconded by Peter Connor that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board table the Harbour East Community Council January 18, 2012 report to a subsequent meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

March 7, 2012

A staff report dated January 26, 2012, along with the Harbour East Community Council January 18, 2012 report was before the Board.

In lieu of the Board's meeting being held without quorum, staff provided a brief presentation on the options, parameters and process for the Board to complete policy recommendations to Harbour East Community Council. The Chair advised that the structure of the project will be discussed in more detail at the April meeting and a vote taken on the recommendations provided

April 4, 2012

Staff provided Board with information binders to assist with the policy review project. The Board discussed the process and how the work would be structured and divided. The Board agreed to adopt the seven steps recommended for the Review Project as outlined in the January 26, 2012 staff report and advise the Harbour East Community Council.

MOVED by Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board prepare a report of recommended policy alternatives for the consideration of Harbour East Community Council to enhance the preservation of water quality, particularly at Russell Lake. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

DISCUSSION

It is anticipated that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board will commence this project work at their May 2, 2012 meeting. Staff would anticipate an update to Harbour East Community Council in fall/winter 2012 and completion of the project (creation of approved policy recommendations) before the end of 2012.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts to the 2012/2013 Operating or Project Budget. Staff and incidental project facilitation costs are contained within D935 Energy and Environment.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board meetings are open to the public.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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