

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BEDFORD WATERS ADVISORY BOARD

NOTES (no quorum)

June 13, 2001

PRESENT: Mr. Bob Kerr, Chair
Ms. Elaine Loney
Mr. Don Lowther
Mr. Kevin Dean
Mr. Doug Murray
Councillor Len Goucher

ALSO PRESENT: Angus Schaffenburg, Planner
Lynne LeBoutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

REGRETS: Mr. Hoyle, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Gibb, Ms. MacNeil and Mr. Matheson

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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at the LeBrun Centre, Bedford at 7:00 p.m. As there was no quorum, no motions could be dealt with.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Added to the agenda was item 4.8 - Update Privy (Ms. Loney)

3.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 9, 2001**

Deferred as no quorum.

4.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

4.1 **WATER TESTING - PAPER MILL LAKE**

Circulated in the agenda package was a copy of an e-mail referring to a draft letter to be sent to Mr. Riles. Mr. Hoyle felt the letter was better sent through the Chair. Mr. Hoyle appeared to agree with the letter's contents. The Chair noted that two additional items to be measured were added.

Whether the lake is safe is not yet known. It had been hoped that Mr. Hoyle would have received the results of tests in May by now and commented on them for tonight's meeting or contacted the members via e-mail. The Chair will contact him tomorrow.

The second attachment contained information Mr. Schaffenburg had provided to Mr. Riles for background purposes on this item. He felt the summary would be particularly useful for the new members.

4.2 **LIST OF ONGOING AND NEW PROJECTS**

BEDFORD SOUTH-WENTWORTH ESTATES

Mr. Schaffenburg reported that the plan amendment has been put on hold at the request of the developers.

For the time being, joint meetings have been cancelled. Reference was made to the contributions of individuals from other jurisdictions into the process and the good job staff did in incorporating BWAC's comments.

400 HAMMOND PLAINS ROAD - KINGSVIEW ACADEMY

Application has been withdrawn.

799 HAMMOND PLAINS ROAD

The Committee was advised that they will be invited to a Public Information Meeting, July 5th on a proposed golf academy and driving range at this location. The site is in the vicinity of the Islamic Centre. It is approximately 16 to 17 acres in size and owned by Frank Robinson. Further information on the application will be provided by the next meeting.

4.3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MONITORING FRESHWATER QUALITY

Councillor Goucher reported that a meeting had been arranged for tomorrow with Darlene Fenton to be attended by himself, Brian Hoyle and Kevin Dean to discuss concerns with Paper Mill Lake's water quality and standards used to gauge its safety. Since some factual information on standards used in other provinces and good data were not available, the meeting has been deferred. It was recalled that Brian Hoyle had experience with a situation in New Brunswick, where a similar pattern of counts had occurred in a lake. The lake eventually ended up being polluted and persons made ill.

Copies of the original submission from an Ad Hoc Committee on Water Quality Parameters were recirculated for the members' ready reference. The Halifax/Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board would like a reaction from the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board and BWAC by September. The submission is an attempt to provide some guidelines so that there is consistency in what is incorporated into development agreements, etc.

A lengthy discussion followed on how to deal with the report. Concern was expressed that except for Brian Hoyle, who intends to leave the Committee when his term ends November 2001 and Dr. Marvin Silver, who has resigned from the Committee, the Committee does not have the expertise to comment on the scientific/technical aspects. It was suggested that the Committee needs to recruit an additional member with this background and there is an opening currently on the Committee. The Chair proposed contacting seven companies within Bedford, by letter, which do work related to the environment to determine if any of their staff would be interested in joining BWAC. A copy of the terms of reference to be attached to the letter. Concurrently, a further advertisement for a person with such expertise will be placed. Mr. Don Lowther will check with an individual in his neighbourhood with these credentials and if he is not available, perhaps he can refer Mr. Lowther to others.

Firstly, Mr. Schaffenburg felt the Committee has to decide whether having a set of parameters was a good thing. Unless support is given to the principle, it won't move forward.

Councillor Goucher noted that a lot of the report is not technical, but procedural.

The following approaches to deal with the report were considered:

- C A sub-committee consisting of two representatives of each of the three boards be set up to deal with the item.
- C Contacting a firm such as Jacques Whitford to determine the cost of having someone like Sue Belford assess the recommendations.
- C Accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee members. It was recognized that the six individuals on the sub-committee had considerable expertise in the field.
- C Do nothing.

During the subsequent review of the document the following comments were made:

- C The recommended items to be sampled are not clear.
- C Will one set of samples be useful for all purposes?
- C Some set of criteria better than no set of criteria.
- C Document requires restructuring to make it more readable.

The Committee concluded it liked the idea of having parameters and Ms. Loney's offer to draft up an assessment of the document, which reflects tonight's input, was accepted. She will circulate her assessment to the members via e-mail for comment.

4.4 **MEMBERSHIP**

It was relayed to the Committee that NWCC recently extended the terms of Ms. Tucker, Mr. White, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Matheson to November 2002. Mr. Hoyle's term was extended to only November 2001, at his request.

4.5 **PAPER MILL LAKE DAM**

Circulated in the agenda package was a copy of the letter sent to David Morse, Minister, Environment and Labour, May 18, 2001 regarding concern BWAC has with dams in the Province and posing questions. Circulated at the meeting was the Minister's response dated June 7, 2001. Disappointment was expressed with the response. It was felt that the questions posed in the Committee's correspondence had not been answered.

Councillor Goucher referred to conversations he has had with Archie Hattie regarding the ownership of the dams and their uniqueness. The dams are not owned by HRM, but Annapolis Basin. Promised repairs have not been done. Reference was made to a report which indicated that the dam would pose a problem within five years and a couple of years have now passed. Apparently the Province is in the process of developing guidelines to deal with such dams which no longer have a commercial use. Once the protocols are available, Mr. Hattie will provide Councillor Goucher with a copy.

Councillor Goucher circulated a copy of the Stormwater Management Plan Annapolis Basin has prepared for Bedford West. It was noted that Paper Mill Lakes watershed is 9,000 acres.

4.6 **ANDERSON LAKE - TURF**

Mr. Schaffenburg provided a map of watersheds in the vicinity of the former Town of Bedford.

It was felt that the DLAB should be advised that BWAC would prefer the boundary associated with Anderson Lake remain as is however, in the event a development proceeded in the vicinity of Anderson Lake, both Boards review jointly.

During review of the map, reference was made to the large area of jurisdiction the Halifax/Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board is responsible for and the fact that they would not be adverse to reducing the size of their jurisdiction, due to the very large workload they face. It was therefore felt that there may be some merit in making a motion to North West Community Council requesting they ask staff to prepare a report rationalizing the boundaries of the three watershed advisory committees with the view of determining whether or not the boundaries should be determined by watershed or planning aspects or a combination of the two.

As there was no quorum, a motion to this effect had to be deferred to the next meeting.

4.7 **UPDATE SANDY LAKE PARK**

Reference was made to a meeting the Sandy Lake Residents Association had with HRM Recreation Department staff. Neither the Chair or Councillor Goucher could attend. Concerns were raised by the Association members regarding the naming of the Park. The Association does not agree with including reference to the Lions Club in the name.

Councillor Goucher referred to repeated requests by both Walter Regan and the Sandy Lake Residents Association for preparation of Watershed Management Plans. He would like to be advised what actually is involved in such a Plan. He indicated his willingness to put \$5,000 towards commencing the process, if there is a need for such a Plan. Mr. Schaffenburg reflected that a Watershed Management Plan is all encompassing, while an Environmental Assessment is not. Mr. Schaffenburg will speak with Dr. Blouin regarding providing the Councillor with a definition. Mr. Dean suggested that Mr. Regan be asked to put something in writing defining what a Watershed Management Plan consists of.

4.8 **PAPER MILL LAKE PRIVY FACILITY - UPDATE**

Ms. Loney in her update discussed the location of concrete pads for privies in the vicinity of Paper Mill Lake. She noted that there have not been complaints regarding their location on the Moirs Mill side of the Lake, but neighbours have expressed concerns on the other side of the lake. Several approaches have been or will be made to make them less visible.

Recreation staff is proposing to use an anchoring system so they are not flipped over. Mr. Murray thanked Ms. Loney for her efforts in this regard on behalf of the Committee.

5.0 **UPDATE FROM PAPER MILL LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Copies of Committee minutes for October 2000 and January, February and April 2001 were circulated as information items in the agenda package.

Mr. Dean reported a meeting of the Committee was held May 30th. The meeting was attended by Mr. Riles. Reference was made to the withdrawing of the appeal related to seven lots on Baha Court. The Committee reminded Mr. Riles that a number of items must be addressed before the development proceeds further. Mr. Dean advised that the developer is working with Baha Court residents to make the seven lots safer and improve their aesthetics. Mr. Riles advised there would be no further development around the lake, except for a commercial area off Hammond Plains, this year.

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

BEACHED DERELICT BOAT

Mr. Lowther referred to a watercraft which was purposely beached on the rocks a couple of months ago in the vicinity of Farmer Clem's Garden Centre. He expressed concern regarding petroleum products leaking into Bedford Basin and wondered whether this fell within the Committee's jurisdiction. It was suggested that Ports Canada, Fisheries and Oceans and the Federal Department of Environment would likely be responsible. Rather than a letter being sent out to these parties, it was felt a phone call to Environment Canada should suffice enquiring as to responsibility. Mr. Lowther will contact them. It was also suggested that Councillor Whalen could be alerted or Councillor Goucher could bring to the attention of Regional Council.

7.0 **STATUS SHEET**

The Status Sheet for June was included in the agenda package. Due to the late hour it was not reviewed.

8.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

NWPAC minutes for April 2 and 4, 2001 were circulated in the agenda package. Paper Mill Lake Advisory minutes for October 4, 2001, January 3, February 13 and April 12, 2001 were also provided.

9.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2001. A telephone poll will be made of the members to ensure there is a quorum. If a quorum can't be achieved, the meeting will be cancelled. It was felt that there would have to be an issue needing immediate attention by the Committee to hold meetings in July and August. Mr. Schaffenburg anticipated information regarding the Golf Academy and Driving Range off Hammond Plains Road to be provided by Andrew Whittemore for the July meeting. In this case, the developer would be invited to attend the meeting. He would therefore like to know if there would be a quorum. It was noted that the NWCC meeting for June 28th has been changed to July 12th. Location of summer meetings yet to be determined. In addition to the Acadia School site, meeting room space in the Superstore facility will be checked into.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk