

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BEDFORD WATERS ADVISORY BOARD

November 12, 2003

“NOTES”

PRESENT: Mr. Lawrence White, Vice Chair

Ms. Kate Hadden

Mr. Brian Hoyle

Dr. Sankar Ray

Councillor Len Goucher

STAFF: Mr. Angus Schaffenburg, Planner II

Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

REGRETS: Mr. Don Lowther, Chair

Mr. Kevin Dean

Ms. Deborah Gillis

Ms. Elaine Loney

Mr. William Matheson

Mr. Cedric Pilkington

ABSENT: Mr. Brad Gibb

Mr. Richard Hattin

Mr. Doug Murray

Mr. Lem Murphy

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. CALL TO ORDER 3

2. UPDATES:

 2.1 Bedford South 3

 2.2 Spruce Island 3

 2.3 Baha Court 4

 2.4 Infilling of Moirs Pond 4

 2.5 Watershed Monitoring Program 4

 2.6 Storm Water Management: Union Street: 4

 2.7 Kearney/Quarry/Paper Mill Dams 4

 2.8 Power Plant Proposal at Rocky Lake 4

3. NEXT MEETING 4

4. ADJOURNMENT 4

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:15 p.m. there were not enough members for a quorum. **The Vice Chair advised that an official meeting would not be held.**

For the members present he suggested and **it was agreed**, that Mr. Angus Schaffenburg would update Committee on a few issues.

2. **UPDATES:**

2.1 **Bedford South:**

Mr. Schaffenburg circulated a sketch which showed Areas A and C of the Bedford South development, noting that they have already been approved. He advised that the application for the next stage of development—Area B—is for over 1000 units and that it lies within the boundaries of BWAB. He noted that the majority of Area B is within the Chebucto Community Council area and a small portion is within the Bedford Plan Area and, therefore, within North West Community Council area.

In response to a question, Mr. Schaffenburg advised that this development will bring the total unit count to approximately 2000.

In response to another question, he noted that staff could approve the development agreement with the stipulation the final lot subdivision couldn't be completed until the interchange was done. He added that a public information meeting will be held after Christmas and the Committee will receive notification of this meeting.

2.2 **Spruce Island:**

Mr. Schaffenburg advised the Department of Fisheries and Oceans had been out to inspect the property; however, to date, he has not received a response.

Councillor Goucher expressed concern over the lack of information and response from Department of Fisheries and Oceans, noting that HRM staff has done everything possible to get feedback on this situation. He pointed out that it has been two to three weeks since HRM staff made contact with the provincial and federal departments.

After a brief discussion, Councillor Goucher indicated that at the next North West Community Council meeting he would raise this issue, and suggest the Community Council write the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

2.3 Baha Court:

Mr. Angus Schaffenburg noted that at the last meeting he was asked to research and determine whether, under the Municipal Government Act staff had the ability to permit the sale of the seven remaining lots, but withhold the proceeds of sale for completion of the road.

Mr. Schaffenburg indicated that staff discussed this internally and was of the opinion they didn't have the legal ability to carry this out.

2.4 Infilling of Moirs Pond:

Councillor Goucher advised that the options Sobey's had presented to Mayor Kelly, Minister Christie and himself were quite substantial, and although they were trying their best, in his view the situation did not look favourable at this time.

2.5 Watershed Monitoring Program:

Councillor Goucher noted that a second round of tests were taken on the lakes.

2.6 Storm Water Management: Union Street:

Councillor Goucher advised that he, Mayor Kelly, John Sheppard, and Charles Lloyd met in relation to this matter. In addition, he had two meetings with the Terrain Group. Councillor Goucher noted that Wallace MacDonald Lively and the Terrain Group have made some good suggestions as to how this matter can be resolved.

2.7 Kearney/Quarry/Paper Mill Dams:

The Vice Chair noted that he read the report on the Kearney/Quarry/Paper Mill Dams. He indicated the recommendation pertaining to the fish ladders maybe something the Board should discuss.

2.8 Power Plant Proposal at Rocky Lake:

Councillor Goucher made reference to an e-mail discussion he had with staff last month regarding his request that the BWAB boundary include Rocky Lake, noting that it was part of the former town boundaries and part of the jurisdiction of the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board. He pointed out that the proposed power plant at Rocky Lake was one reason why he believed the boundary of BWAB should include the lake area i.e., the Board should have some control as to what is going on in this area.

3. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant