

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

BEDFORD WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 13, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. Rick Hattin, Chair
Ms. Kate Hadden

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit
Ms. Lynn Davis
Mr. Lem Murphy, Vice Chair

STAFF: Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner, Planning Applications
Mr. Paul Morgan, Senior Planner, Regional & Community
Planning
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Pam Lovelace, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rick Hattin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Nauss Room at the LeBrun Centre, 36 Holland Drive, Bedford.

Ms. Kate Hadden confirmed that this would be her last meeting. The Chair requested a letter of resignation from her.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2011

MOVED by Ms. Hadden, seconded by Mr. Hattin, that the minutes of February 9, 2011 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS - None

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Hattin indicated he had not yet received phosphorous levels from Mr. Deacoff and will follow up with him in order to access that information.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None

6. REPORTS

6.1 RFP – Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study, Presentation by Mr. Paul Morgan, Senior Planner, HRM Regional & Community Planning

A memorandum from Mr. Morgan to the Board dated April 4, 2011, along with excerpts of the RFP were before the Board.

Paul Morgan, Senior Planner, HRM Regional & Community Planning, provided an overview of the Request for Proposals for the Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study.

General consensus was reached on the importance of setting water quality objectives early in the process of the Watershed Study.

Andrew Bone, HRM Senior Planner, suggested that the Board consider what its role will be in the process of gathering public input.

Mr. Hattin advised that he has a copy of a model which was previously developed by HRM. He noted that Mr. Tony Blouin, Halifax Water, also has a copy of the model. Mr. Morgan indicated that the consultant chosen for the study may be interested in reviewing the model.

Mr. Morgan used a map to show the Board the boundaries of the watershed study.

Mr. Hattin suggested that if more members join the Board he would like to see this Board lead the public discussion.

Mr. Morgan provided a background on the proposal selection process, noting that there may be an extension of the proposal deadline.

Mr. Bone suggested that a member of the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board could sit on the proposal selection committee; however, the mandate of the Board should be reviewed first. Mr. Bone will provide Mr. Morgan with details of the Bedford West watershed study.

Mr. Morgan explained that the outcome of the Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study will include clear recommendations from the consultants of which lands can not be developed for the protection of water quality.

7. STATUS SHEET

There were no updates at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS - None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 11, 2011

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nauss Room in the LeBrun Centre, 36 Holland Drive, Bedford.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Pamela Lovelace
Legislative Support