

BEDFORD WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
April 4, 2013

PRESENT: Richard Hattin, Chair  
Lem Murphy, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Lynn Davis

STAFF: Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner, HRM Development Approvals  
Mr. Paul Morgan, Senior Planner, HRM Planning  
Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Energy & Environment  
Ms. Jane Crosby, Legislative Support

Minutes administratively approved.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the BMO Centre Boardroom, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford.

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting of the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 16, 2012 (regular meeting) & March 6, 2013 (public meeting)**

**MOVED by Lem Murphy, seconded by Richard Hattin that the minutes of the July 16, 2012 BWAB meeting and March 6, 2013 BWAB-hosted public meeting be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

An error was noted on the agenda, that under Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes, July 16, 2013 to be corrected to July 16, 2012.

The agenda was accepted as amended.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERED BUSINESS - None**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study Final Report**

The Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study – Final Report was before the Board.

A staff memorandum dated March 26, 2013 was before the Advisory Board. The following correspondence has been received and distributed:

- Responses to questions forwarded to AECOM from Richard Hattin
- Email exchange between Scott McCallum, Paul Morgan and Russell Dmytriw ending March 7, 2013
- Email exchange between Richard Scott, Cameron Deacoff, Paul Morgan and Russell Dmytriw, ending March 7, 2013
- Email exchange between Richard Scott, Cameron Deacoff and Paul Morgan ending March 4, 2013

It was noted that the report reviewed by the Board was the draft version of the final report. The Chair noted that the draft contained a number of errors, and he asked when

the final version would be received. Mr. Paul Morgan, Senior Planner, responded that the final version of the report had just been received on that day, April 4, 2013. The Chair was concerned that some of the errors may not have been corrected.

The Board and Staff held a discussion on the direction to take with regards to making recommendations on the report. It was decided that the Board would have to assume that corrections have been made to the final version of the document. The recommendations made to the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee would be based on the assumption that corrections have been made. The Chair added that he would like to receive the final version of the report for review.

The Board reviewed the above correspondence and held a lengthy discussion on some of the comments and concerns expressed. Staff responded the questions from the Board. It was noted that septic field discharge numbers for McQuade Lake are speculated in that area and there is no empirical data available for modeling.

With regards to stormwater quality management, the Chair expressed concern over the ability to engineer for extended wet ponds given that there is 2 feet of overburden on granite. Concern was also expressed about the presence of ARD (Acid Rock Drainage) in the area. Mr. Deacoff responded that any contractor would have to follow ARD management practices should it be encountered. With regards to some of the flow modeling in a 100 year storm, it was noted that considerable damage to highway 102 could occur.

The Board and Staff continued their review of the correspondence submitted and then entered into discussion regarding their comments on the study. The Board noted that it was a very good study and it was well written.

A discussion was held with respect to the study meeting the objectives of policy E-17 of the Regional Plan. The Chair expressed concern over the 20m setback on Black Duck Brook. He noted that this should be increased to allow natural treatment of water run-off into Kearney Lake. He also noted that there should be more information collected on Susies Lake.

Following further discussion the following motion was put:

**MOVED by Lem Murphy, seconded by Richard Hattin, that the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board recommend that the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee recommend to Regional Council that the Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Servicing Study (AECOM January 2013) be accepted as background for negotiating boundaries of the Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park, with the following additional recommendations:**

1. The riparian buffer along Black Duck Brook be increased to 50 m;
2. Development around McQuade Lake no longer be permitted;

3. Investigation into the Tp levels of Horseshoe Lake be made;
4. Water Quality Testing be expanded to include Susies Lake and Black Duck Brook;
5. Highway 102 West Corridor lands not be considered for development (remove scenario 3 from development considerations); and
6. An education program be initiated for the current developments regarding Best Practices to minimize phosphate loading.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board thanked Staff for their assistance and involvement with the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board over the years. Staff thanked the Board for the input that they have provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jane Crosby  
Legislative Support