

BEDFORD WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

July 16, 2012

PRESENT:           Richard Hattin, Chair  
                      Lem Murphy, Vice Chair  
                      Lynn Davis

REGRETS:           Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF:             Paul Morgan, Senior Planner  
                      Andrew Bone, Senior Planner  
                      Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the BMO Centre Boardroom, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Davis that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2012 be approved as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hattin that the minutes of the Public Meeting of June 20, 2012 be approved as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

5.1 Budget Cuts - Routine Water Testing

7.1 Status of Paper Mill Lake

The agenda, as amended, was accepted.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**5.1 Budget Cuts - Routine Water Testing**

Mr. Hattin, Chair, indicated that he had not received the expected response from HRM staff on the reasoning for budget cuts relative to routine water testing. The Clerk will follow up with staff on this matter.

**6. REPORTS/UPDATES**

**6.1 Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study (Water Quality Objectives)**

The Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study – Preliminary Report was before the Board. This report was the subject of a Public Meeting held on June 20, 2012. Minutes of that meeting were approved earlier in the meeting.

The following correspondence has been received and distributed:

- Email from Councillor Peter Lund dated June 20, 2012
- Email from Wendy MacDonald dated July 5, 2012
- Correspondence from Birchdale Projects Inc.
- Email from Greg McKay dated July 2, 2012
- Email from Bob McDonald dated July 11, 2012

Mr. Paul Morgan, Senior Planner, Regional & Community Planning, clarified that the Board was being asked to approve the water quality objectives before the report was finalized. Water quality objectives are Phase I of the project and are outlined in Table 16 and Table 19 for the Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study. Mr. Morgan noted that the Board's recommendation would be made to the Environmental and Sustainability Committee as the Birch Coves Lake Watershed Study impacts three Community Councils.

The Chair noted that only parts (b) and (d) of the Study Scope and Requirements for the Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study dealt with water quality objectives.

Following a review of the above correspondence, the Board provided comment/concerns, as follows:

- Concern was expressed that Susie Lake is not and will not be tested. Members believe strongly that it should be sampled given that it leads into a lake that is to be sampled. These unknown inputs are a measurement gap and represent a hole in the data for the watershed.
- Note was made that the following statement contained in the report was a concern because excavation is required to identify ARD-generating rock: *'Within the Birch Cove Lakes watershed, almost no terrain underlain by ARD-generating rock remains undeveloped and so future ARD is unlikely to be a significant concern with additional development.'*
- The general chemistry and metals measurement recommended is not in line with the Water Quality Functional Plan.

With reference to concerns contained in the correspondence regarding the elimination of funding for routine water testing in the 2012/13 Budget, the Clerk is to confirm that the matter was considered by the Environmental and Sustainability Committee.

The Chair will follow up with the individuals who submitted questions and concerns as appropriate.

**MOVED by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Davis that the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board recommends the Environmental and Sustainability Standing Committee adopt the water quality objectives as per parts (b) and (d) of the Study**

**Scope and Requirements for the Birch Cove Lakes Watershed Study with the exception that:**

- 1. Two samples of Susie Lake be taken and processed prior to submitting the final report providing a snapshot of the condition of Susie Lake.**
- 2. Ongoing sampling of Susie Lake be included in the sampling program to be recommended in the final report.**
- 3. The general chemicals and metals measurement final recommendation meet the guidelines as illustrated in Tables 4.7 and 4.8 of the Water Quality Functional Plan conditional upon the Functional Plan being approved by Halifax Regional Municipality.**

**7. ADDED ITEMS**

**7.1 Status of the Paper Mill Lake**

Mr. Bone advised that the Annapolis Group will be working on upgrading the Papermill Dam between May and the end of October 2012. As a result, the lake will be closed for recreation and water levels reduced.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the BMO Centre Boardroom, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy  
Deputy Clerk