

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 7, 2002

PRESENT: Mrs. Audrey Manzer, Chairman
Mr. Pierre Clement
Ms. Catherine Lunn
Mr. John Osborne
Dr. Don Gordon
Dr. K. Hellendbrand
Ms. Stephanie Bird
Dr. Ron Beazley

REGRETS: Councillor Hetherington, Dr. Millward, Dr. Hines, Mr. Bell and Ms. Hoehne

ALSO PRESENT: Kurt Pyle, Planner
Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Meeting called to order by the Chair at 5:15 p.m., Findlay Community Centre.

Before the meeting officially convened there was a discussion regarding the **terms of reference** needing to be modified to reflect the decision by HECC November 2001 to change the Board's jurisdiction. Mr. Pyle noted how difficult it would be to put these changes in writing. He proposed having an 8" x 11" map runoff to be attached to DLAB's terms of reference. It was agreed that this should be done as soon as possible.

1.0 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 28, 2001 meeting were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Dr. Gordon and Ms. Lunn.

2.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

2.1 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MONITORING FRESHWATER QUALITY TO ASSESS IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE HRM**

Dr. Gordon advised that he has prepared a response. He reviewed his response with the Board. Copies of it will be provided to the members for the next meeting.

2.2 **UPDATE ON LAKE STUDY**

Mr. Clement circulated copies of graphs used in determining data quality. He noted that the measurements were conducted at two separate labs. He explained how the plotting of these graphs helps in establishing accuracy.

Dr. Gordon compared this information to an earlier report. He concluded the elements measured don't appear to have changed that much in the past decade.

2.3 **PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF PLANNING FOR STATE OF LAKES TOUR AND REPORT IN THE LATE SPRING**

The Chair proposed a sub-committee be established to develop a plan. Dr. Hellenbrand and Mr. Osborne offered to work together on the preliminary plan. Dr. Gordon indicated that he will be away for a good portion of May and June, but would be pleased to assist them.

It is being proposed that the tour take place in May or June. It was recalled that in the past Dr. Gordon had written up a summary of observations following these annual tours.

In preparing this year's plan, it was suggested the sub-committee research the minutes to help develop a list of lakes and sites to be visited. The members could then observe what has taken place since developments, which they commented on over the last few years, were completed. Examples cited were Russell, Bissett and Morris Lakes and golf courses at Montague and Cow Bay, the Cranberry/Cherry Brook diversion, outfall of Cranberry Lake, Burnside Industrial Park and McCullough Lands.

Dr. Gordon will provide copies of earlier reports.

2.4 **C & D WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Draft minutes of the January 22, 2002 joint meeting of the WABs held on this item were circulated in the agenda package. Reference was made by the Chair of the good turnout from the DLAB for this meeting.

At the meeting Mr. Pyle circulated copies of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Site Guidelines, dated October 1997, as promised at the joint meeting.

Mr. Pyle noted that a summary of the outcomes and recommendations of the joint meeting with WABs has been provided to Council. He highlighted the main issues addressed, i.e. groundwater management, protection of water courses, use of berms, etc.

This item will be brought before Council again in late February or early March.

Mr. Pyle asked the Board if there is anything further they wished stressed to Council.

During discussion, Mr. Osborne indicated he felt there should be a policy on illegal dumping and cleanup. Mr. Pyle reflected that the problem continues to grow. Even when there was no fee, it was a problem.

Mr. Pyle noted HRM's desire to see materials recycled and reused, while the Province's approach is simply diversion, not recycling. He also acknowledged that there will need to be a change in the mind set of the demolition industry, i.e. sorting on site to expedite the process.

The Chair suggested there be incentives for those who do it right.

Areas identified within the Board's jurisdiction, which have or may have these facilities, include the Ross Road Transfer Station. There is potential for a disposal site at the Whebby's quarry, although the use of quarries has been identified as having some inherent problems.

Reference was made to a tour of the various operations in April. It was once again stressed that there would not be enough time to also tour the Otter Lake facility on the same day. This would have to be a separate excursion.

Dr. Gordon felt the project is going in the right direction. He felt having all the Board's together for the presentation had been a good idea. Mr. Pyle noted that since this is a regional issue, this approach was felt appropriate.

3.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 **BISSETT LAKE STUDY**

- C Information Report - Deteriorating Condition of Bissett Lake, dated January 15, 2002

Item deferred in absence of Charles Lloyd of HRM staff.

Mr. Clement reported that he has been in contact with Cathy Conrad. While there is not actually a residents association related to Bissett Lake, there are a number of individuals interested in its water quality. He noted that he had advised her of the Public Panel Discussion, Monday, February 4, 2002 entitled "Testing the Waters: The Condition of Lakes and Rivers", and it was the intention of several of these individuals to attend.

Mr. Osborne, reflecting on the Information Report, noted there was no reference to the geese who use the lake.

3.2 **DISCUSSION OF MEMO FROM PAUL HINES**

- C e-mail exchange between Dr. Hines, Dr. Dan Hutt and the Chair re using remote sensing to monitor lake water quality dated January 30, 2002

Item deferred in Dr. Hines' absence. Dr. Millward, who was also absent, has expressed interest in this subject as a result of a discussion with a colleague at St. Mary's University. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

4.0 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair had nothing to report.

5.0 **STAFF'S UPDATE**

Mr. Pyle reported that the **Woodland East Study** has been approved by Regional

Council. It was noted that this relates to the presentation Ms. Corser gave to the Board in October 2001. Lands affected include the former Dartmouth Y property, Can-Euro, Canada Lands and the MTT property.

He anticipated that an item may be coming forward to the Board at the February 27, 2002 meeting from Can-Euro related to an application to construct another apartment building on their property.

In response to a query from the Chairman, Mr. Pyle advised that United Gulf is proposing an apartment building, similar in height to Banook Woods, on the former Dartmouth Y site.

Mr. Osborne referred to a rumor that Walmart is proposing to relocate to a site behind Home Depot. Mr. Pyle was not aware of this, but noted the Portland Honda car dealership is moving to this area. Since the area is governed by a C & D zoning, a development agreement process is required. Concern was expressed regarding the amount of traffic in this area. Reference was made to the pending design of the Shearwater Connector.

Mr. Pyle indicated that a plan amendment process to change a Holding Zone to Commercial on property in the area of Cranberry Lake, in the former City of Dartmouth, is being considered. He anticipates something may come before the Board in the late spring.

Reference was made to a report Dr. Tony Blouin is working on regarding jurisdictions of the watershed advisory boards. This issue was directed to him as staff from the NWCC and Chebucto Community Council. Chebucto Community is proposing the current Halifax/Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board be split in two. It was recalled that prior to amalgamation there had been a Board associated with the City of Halifax.

The Chair noted that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board had conducted a review of its jurisdiction recently and their proposal was adopted as official policy by Harbour East Community Council. Mr. Pyle assured the Board that this information has been conveyed to Dr. Blouin.

6.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Manzer advised the Board that Dr. Millward doesn't wish to be considered for another term as Vice-Chair.

Mr. Pyle called for nominations for Chair. Dr. Gordon nominated Mrs. Manzer. This nomination was seconded by Dr. Beazley. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Manzer was declared Chair.

Mr. Pyle called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Clement nominated Ms. Lunn. This nomination was seconded by Dr. Gordon. There being no further nominations, Ms. Lunn was declared Vice-Chair.

7.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 27, 2002.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on motion of Dr. Gordon.

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk