

**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2002**

PRESENT: Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair  
Dr. Hugh Millward  
Mr. John Osborne  
Mr. Robert Bell  
Dr. K. Hellenbrand  
Dr. Don Gordon  
Dr. Paul Hines  
Ms. Christina Hoehne  
Councillor Bruce Hetherington

ABSENT: Dr. Ron Beazley  
Ms. Stephanie Bird  
Ms. Catherine Lunn  
Mr. Pierre Clement (regrets)

STAFF: Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner  
Charles Lloyd, HRM Environmental Engineer  
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. MINUTES - February 7, 2002

Councillor Hetherington noted he had given regrets for that meeting.

**MOVED by John Osborne, seconded by Dr. Hellenbrand that the minutes, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 Recommendations for Monitoring Freshwater Quality to Assess Impact on Development in the HRM

Dr. Gordon noted that it was agreed that his comments would be passed on to Wayne Stobo, Halifax/Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board.

It was noted the fact that monitoring costs would be borne by the proponent is not self evident and developers may say they are being given extra costs and are not being fairly treated. It was noted the recommendations suggest that the monitoring would be done by volunteers brought in by the developer. It was stated that if the Municipality wants better water quality it has to take some responsibility and shoulder some of the costs.

Mr. Pyle stated there has to be a way for staff to determine whether or not a development will have an impact on a watercourse. He advised any development on a lake would require baseline information which staff could use to determine whether the developer is in compliance with a CDD. He stated the main concern would be with long term monitoring not the baseline.

Ms. Manzer advised she would forward the information to Wayne Stobo, Chair, of the Halifax/Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board and Tony Blouin for their information.

2.2 Update of the Lake Study

No update available at this time.

2.3 Subcommittee Recommendations State of Lakes Tour

Mr. Osborne advised he had listed all Dartmouth Lakes by Watershed as well as providing information on access to the lakes. He noted the following suggestions for examining the lakes: (a) possibly dividing the Board into several groups to ensure all lakes are looked at in a timely fashion and, (b) devise a "check list" for each lake to assist in recording the condition of each lake.

Ms. Manzer suggested that rather than the Board being divided up, the lakes could be examined on a number of different occasions by the Board as a whole. It was suggested the listing be circulated to the Board for the next meeting with a request that the members provide comments and things to be looked at or places that, in their opinion, may be useful to visit. It was also suggested that the list be prioritized. It was also suggested that some lakes would have more than one strategic area to be examined.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Bissett Lake Study - Charles Lloyd, Environmental Engineer**

- A copy of a report prepared by Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, Director of Public Works and Transportation, dated January 15, 2002, to Halifax Regional Council was before the Board

Mr. Lloyd advised that in August, 2001 Council requested staff provide a report regarding Bissett Lake and refer the matter to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board for comment. He advised that HRM does not presently have a lake revitalization program but is in the process of developing a Water Resource Management Policy which will define the role of the Municipality on this matter.

Ms. Manzer referenced the second paragraph of the report and noted that the request put forth by Councillor Cooper would, in part, require the services of a paid consultant as well as the advice of the Board. The members agreed to examine Bissett Lake and provide comment and advice.

Mr. Pyle noted that the area being referenced by Councillor Cooper is located in a floodplain.

#### **3.2 Discussion of memo from Dr. Paul Hines**

The Board held discussion on Remote Sensing and it was agreed that Dr. Millward and Dr. Hines would hold further discussion on the issue and provide suggestions on the direction at the next meeting as to how to proceed.

It was also agreed that Mr. Lloyd would check to see what aerial photos of lakes are available in HRM archives.

#### **3.3 Invitation to Official Launch of HRM's Regional Planning Initiative**

This was circulated to the members of the Board.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Manzer advised she would be giving a panel presentation at a conference on urban greening at Dalhousie University on March 21<sup>h</sup>. She will provide information on this conference to the members of the Board as it is open to the public and without charge.

**5. STAFF'S UPDATE**

No update at this time.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2002.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Julia Horncastle  
Assistant Municipal Clerk