

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 29, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Ms. Audrey Manzer, Chair  
Dr. Ron Beazley  
Mr. John Osborne  
Ms. Catherine Lunn  
Ms. Christine Hoehne  
Mr. Robert Bell  
Dr. Don Gordon  
Dr. K. Hellenbrand

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner  
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

**REGRETS:** Councillor Hetherington, Dr. Paul Hines, Mr. Pierre Clement, Ms. Stephanie Bird and Dr. Hugh Millward

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Meeting called to order by the Chair at 5:00 p.m., Findlay Community Centre.

### 1.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 24, 2002 meeting were adopted, as circulated, on motion of Mr. Bell and Dr. Hellenbrand.

### 2.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### 2.1 **UPDATE ON THE LAKE STUDY**

Deferred in absence of Mr. Clement.

#### 2.2 **STATE OF LAKES TOUR - CHECK LIST AND SCHEDULE - MAPS**

Displayed was a large map upon which lakes and watercourses were identified for tours and reports. Mr. Pyle also had a set of maps which identified houses, main streets and contours in their vicinity. The set was missing three small lakes. Once these have been run off, all the members will be provided a set to use in conjunction with the lakes tours and also for members to retain in their files to use at all Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board meetings.

Circulated at the meeting was a draft schedule for the Lakes Tour during the month of June. During discussion of the schedule consisting of five tours, it was felt it might be too ambitious and site visits could even be spread into September and October. It was decided that the tours should be no longer than a couple of hours in length and be held on Tuesday evenings starting June 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting place of the first tour would be at the Home Depot Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m. until dusk. A decision would be made that evening regarding the date of the next tour and what would be covered. Ms. Lunn will take notes and the Chair will bring a camera.

In the event of inclement weather, the members are to contact the Chairman and she will make a decision on whether to cancel the tour.

The Clerk will send out sets of maps before the first tour, accompanied by a memo with date of tour and other meeting dates of interest.

#### 2.3 **LAKE LEVELS**

Mr. Pyle reported that he contacted the Works Department regarding the concerns expressed at the April meeting re water levels in various lakes. He was advised that work had been conducted on the lock associated with Lake Banook. Problems developed resulting in water leakage. The Works Department was working on the lock

today. Similarly, the lowering of water levels at Maynards Lake was not intentional. They are also addressing this situation.

### 3.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### 4.0 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

C The Chairman advised that she received a phone call from a Manager associated with the MacCulloch development on Lake MicMac. He was very upset, noting that one of the contractors, building homes on the former MacCulloch lands, is contravening covenants in the agreement of sale and purchase, related to the protection of the lake, particularly concerning clear cutting of vegetation and trees and use of bulldozers in the lake. He thought the Board might want to get involved. Ms. Manzer noted that while the Board shared his concern, the Board had already made its recommendations. At this point in time, the matter was between the developer and the builder, as it involves enforcement of the covenants and contravention of provincial regulations. He also talked to Mr. Pyle. Mr. Pyle suggested he contact the Province noting that it is a Department of Environment and Labour matter, not HRMs .

Ms. Hoehne circulated photos of development taking place in this area. A set of photos was left with the Chairman for her files.

C The Chairman advised that she received a telephone call from Dr. Blouin and was advised that a time, date and location of a meeting of the three waters advisory boards has yet to be set. Ms. Lunn noted that she received an e-mail today suggesting some dates.

C The Chairman reported on a call she received from Mr. John Sheppard. He had read the Board's minutes and wished to apologize for his oversight in not advising the Board of details associated with the awarding of a contract to test for the source of coliforms in Maynards Lake. The Chairman took the opportunity to emphasize to him:

C The importance of keeping the Board informed, as calls are often received from the public wanting information and an informed reply is always preferable.

C The Board could have been helpful in developing the terms of reference for the study.

C It was stressful to read in the newspaper about a matter which had not

been brought to the Board's attention, which is directly related to the Board's work.

- C She stressed that there was no need for an apology, but she hoped that communication can be improved from now on for the benefit of the Board and HRM.

Mr. Sheppard indicated he would like to come to the Board's June meeting.

In response to a query from Ms. Hoehne, the Chair explained the study dealt with various pollutants and coliforms which were turning up in Maynards Lake. HRM felt it important to identify the source, i.e. whether animal, human or related to vegetation. If the problem is identified as human, there may be a situation which can be rectified.

- C Mr. Osborne noted that when Ms. Muecke gave her presentation to the Board on the 25 year planning exercise, submissions were requested by June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Chair recalled that the Board had a very thorough discussion with Ms. Muecke and since Ms. Muecke had been a Board member, she was familiar with the Board's concerns. It was recalled that Ms. Muecke indicated she would be pleased to hear from the Board or individual members at any point through the process. It was noted that another meeting associated with the exercise is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>. When the notice is sent out with the maps of the lakes, the time and date of this session will be included.

## 5.0 STAFF'S REPORT

Mr. Pyle advised that United Gulf, the owners of the former 'Y' property on Lake Banook, are expected to bring in a concept plan for feedback from staff and others. This may be an item for the June agenda.

Referring to Metro Construction's proposed C & D Waste Disposal site at the Eric Webby quarry, Mr. Pyle referred to the opposition to this location expressed at a public meeting two weeks ago. One of the attendees asked what the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board position was on the application. Mr. Pyle proposed to send a copy of the approved April 24<sup>th</sup> minutes to the individual.

Concerns expressed at the Public Meeting related to the following:

- C proximity of residential houses to the site
- C impact on Lake Charles, the Shubenacadie Canal, Lake Micmac and other water bodies downstream

The Board questioned Mr. Pyle on whether he felt the latter concern was valid. He noted that if the facility is not run properly, there will be an impact on the environment. Secondly, both staff of HRM and the Department of Environment are concerned regarding the impact of blasting on the cells. He pointed out on a map the location of cells on the site, noting a rock outcrop associated with two of the cells which will have to be removed. He also referred to the proximity of blasting associated with the quarry. There is concern regarding fractures developing and the affect on the cells and sedimentation pond.

The Chairman expressed concern that in last month's presentation nothing was mentioned to the Board about blasting. Mr. Pyle noted that in their initial presentation to staff no reference was made to the fact that the quarry will be still operating or that rock has to be removed from two of the cells.

The Chairman proposed sending a letter to the proponent noting the Board's dismay that they had not mentioned the quarry would still be operating and the rock which would have to be removed from two of the cells.

Reference was made by Mr. Pyle to another Public Information meeting taking place Monday, June 10, Michael Wallace Elementary School, 7:00 p.m. This date will also be included in the notice to the members.

Mr. Pyle advised that Mr. Rogers Wells had been to a meeting of the Portland Estates Residents Association (PERA). It was suggested that a brochure which dealt with protection of water bodies during development be created. Mr. Wells advised PERA that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board had sometime ago developed one, which was recently revised for the MacCulloch Lands development. Mr. Pyle suggested that the Board may wish to consider revising this brochure again to address the subject generally throughout its jurisdiction. He had an electronic copy of the brochure on his computer and proposed bringing a copy to the June meeting for consideration. He will provide a copy to the Clerk for distribution in the next agenda package.

Ms. Hoehne recalled that at the joint meeting of WABs re the C & D Waste Disposal item, reference was made to a tour. Mr. Pyle will set up a tour for the three groups. He noted that one has been done before and takes a full day, with lunch being provided. He will bring forward some dates at the next meeting. In the interim, he will discuss dates with the other two boards, so that a mutually convenient one can be found.

## 6.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, June 26, 2002.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Lynne Le Boutillier  
Assistant Municipal Clerk