

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

May 2, 2012

PRESENT: Pierre Clement, Chair  
Peter Connor, Vice Chair  
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse  
Christina Hoehne  
Klaus Hellenbrand  
Mark McLean

REGRETS: Mark Trevorrow  
Johanna Campbell

STAFF: Darrell Joudrey, Planner  
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant  
Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support  
Maria Jacobs, Planner, Regional and Community Planning

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m. in Room 101, Findlay Centre, Dartmouth.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 4, 2012**

The Chair requested that the minutes be amended to include DLAB's request to Butch Galvez, Department of Natural Resources, to forward to the Board data on tracking the number of calls the Department receives about beavers in HRM lakes.

**MOVED by Ms. Hoehne, seconded by Mr. McLean that the minutes of April 4, 2012 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Peter Connor – Discussion re: response time on the adjustment of water levels (Lake Banook and Lake Micmac in particular)
- 8.2 Peter Connor – Discussion re: lawn fertilizers on property adjacent to lakes
- 8.3 Peter Connor – Discussion re: the prevalence of beaver poles in Lake Micmac
- 8.4 Peter Connor – Discussion re: the creation of a Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Facebook page

Mr. Hellenbrand announced his resignation from the Board, indicating that this would be his last meeting. Board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Hellenbrand and agreed to arrange a gathering to honour his contribution.

A question was raised regarding tracking previous requests made by the Board. Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant, suggested the creation of a Status Sheet that would commence tracking the Board's requests starting from the previous meeting April 4, 2012, to which the Board agreed.

**MOVED by Mr. Hellenbrand, seconded by Mr. Connor that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review**

As Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment was unable to attend this evening's meeting, the Board agreed to defer discussion of this matter to their next meeting. The Chair requested that Mr. MacLellan provide the Board with an outline of his expectations for the June meeting.

It was noted that several members and staff have experience difficulty accessing/using the electronic drop-box. The Board agreed to try the drop-box for another month and then decide whether it suits the project. Ms. Vining clarified that any work done through the drop-box must then be brought to a Board meeting for discussion and decision.

Board members confirmed they would not add extra meetings to deal with the policy review and would decide at the June meeting whether to meet in July 2012.

#### **4.2 Department of Natural Resources Handbook**

Ms. Vining informed the Board that Mr. Butch Galvez, Department of Natural Resources, has not yet been able to locate an electronic version of the handbook on beavers but that she would contact him again about this matter and forward the electronic version to the Board if it was available.

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS -- NONE**

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

##### **6.1 Correspondence – None**

##### **6.2 Petitions – None**

##### **6.3 Delegations – None**

#### **7. REPORTS**

##### **7.1 STAFF REPORTS**

##### **7.1.1 Woodside Community Vision and Action Plan**

###### **(i) Presentation**

###### **(ii) Draft Vision & Action Plan**

The following was before the Board:

- A copy of the Woodside visioning presentation
- A draft copy of the Woodside Community Vision and Action Plan

Ms. Maria Jacobs, Planner, Regional and Community Planning, introduced herself and Ms. Ruth Van Iderstine, a representative of the Woodside Community Liaison Group, and delivered a presentation on the Woodside Community Vision and Action Plan to the Board. Ms. Jacobs reviewed a large map of the Woodside area boundaries, highlighting wetland and possible conservation areas. Ms. Jacobs responded to questions about the HRM Regional Plan, the connection of trails and green space, increased density near the ferry terminal, the Pleasant Street streetscape, and the role of the Harbour East Community Council.

Ms. Van Iderstine reviewed a 2009 letter she had written to the former Nova Scotia Minister of the Environment, outlining her concern about protecting wild spaces within the Woodside area and the response she received from the former Minister of Transportation.

The Board discussed the best process, through HRM conservation zoning or otherwise, to protect the three sections of wetlands contained within the Woodside boundary. They emphasized that the sections should be considered one connected ecosystem requiring a comprehensive plan and asked that their concerns be included in future discussions and plans for the Woodside community. The Board further discussed the potential impact of water and sewer lines crossing the wetlands and the need to minimize this impact.

## **7.2 BOARD MEMBERS**

### **7.2.1 Chairman's Report – *Mr. Pierre Clement (Verbal Update)***

The Chair drew the Board's attention to an April 16, 2012 HRM report entitled: Road Salt Impact on Lakes. The Chair asked Ms. Vining to circulate a copy of the report to members and seek clarification on the "multi-stakeholder group" identified in the report. The Chair suggested that once members have had an opportunity to read the report, the Board might decide to discuss the issue of high chloride levels in lakes at a future meeting.

The Chair also noted that he had recently heard from residents about the possibility of a product called Aquacide being used in Lake Banook to control plant life, adding that he understood that the product is not approved in Canada. He expressed concern that the Board had not been alerted to this matter.

The Board briefly reviewed the staff memorandum, dated April 20, 2012 entitled: Shubenacadie Lakes Sub-Watershed Study (Information Item 1). The Board agreed that a representative would attend the June 13, 2012 meeting as outlined in the memorandum. The Board requested a copy of the study and asked Ms. Vining to confirm if staff is available to attend the Board's June meeting to review the study prior to the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board further reviewed the staff memorandum dated April 24, 2012 entitled: HRM by Design Centre Plan Phase 1 (Dartmouth) (Information Item 2). Mr. Darrell Joudrey, Planner, clarified the role of development agreements, discretionary and as-of-right applications, and land use by-laws.

## **8. ADDED ITEMS**

The Board agreed to defer the following items to the June 2012 meeting.

- 8.1 **Peter Connor – Discussion re: response time on the adjustment of water levels (Lake Banook and Lake Micmac in particular)**
- 8.2 **Peter Connor – Discussion re: lawn fertilizers on property adjacent to lakes**
- 8.3 **Peter Connor – Discussion re: the prevalence of beaver poles in Lake Micmac**
- 8.4 **Peter Connor – Discussion re: the creation of a Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Facebook page**
  
- 9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 6, 2012**
  
- 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Support