

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

June 6, 2012

PRESENT: Pierre Clement, Chair  
Peter Connor, Vice Chair  
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse  
Mark McLean  
Mark Trevorrow

REGRETS: Johanna Campbell  
Christina Hoehne

STAFF: Paul Morgan, Senior Planner, Planning & Infrastructure  
Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment  
Darrell Joudrey, Planner, Development Approvals  
Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer  
Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. in Room 101, Findlay Centre, Dartmouth. The Board agreed that, as the Chair had to leave for another commitment at 6:00 p.m., the Vice Chair would chair the meeting.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2012

Mr. Connor requested the following sentence be added to the final paragraph of item 7.1.1: *The Board discussed the potential impact of water and sewer lines crossing the wetlands and the need to minimize this impact.*

Mr. Connor requested item 8.1 be amended to read: *Discussion re: response time on the adjustment of water levels (Lake Banook and Lake Micmac in particular).*

Mr. Connor requested item 8.3 be amended to read: *Discussion re: the prevalence of beaver poles in Lake Micmac.*

**MOVED by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Clement that the minutes of May 2, 2012 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

The Board agreed to address items 6.1.1 and 7.1.1 as the first order of business. The Board also agreed to address item 4.2 before item 4.1.

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

Item 6.1.1 was dealt with at this time.

### 6.1.1 Terrance Rowell, President, Oathill Lake Conservation Society dated May 10, 2012 re: Policy Recommendation for DLAB

A copy of Mr. Rowell's May 10, 2012 correspondence was before the Board.

The Board reviewed Mr. Rowell's May 10<sup>th</sup> correspondence and expressed concern about gaps in jurisdiction, development activity not covered by Development Agreements, and whether the Erosion and Sedimentation Handbook referred to by the Oathill Lake Conservation Society applied to HRM.

Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment noted that HRM's guidelines on erosion and sedimentation are currently under review. Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer advised he would provide more information on this matter for discussion at a future meeting.

Item 7.1.1 was dealt with at this time.

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

Mr. Clement indicated had been copied on an email exchange between Councillor Barkhouse and a resident concerned about phosphates and water quality in Russell Lake. He noted that several residents had expressed concern to him about HRM suspending lake water sampling.

Mr. Clement advised that the Sackville Rivers Association had sent him information on a workshop, a report on buffers and setbacks, and the web link to the report: [www.sterlinglab.ca](http://www.sterlinglab.ca).

Staff provided clarification on the changes to the lake water monitoring program, as well as, the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee's process and mandate.

Mr. McLean expressed concern regarding de-icing done by HRM and the potential effect on lake chemistry. He indicated that there was a need for long term data to identify priority areas for protection or monitoring.

Councillor Barkhouse advised that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee is meeting June 7, 2012, and offered to receive the Board's concerns by June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m., which she would then bring to the Standing Committee with a request that they be addressed in a staff report.

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

### **4.1 Status Sheet Review**

Matter addressed following Item 4.2, refer to page 5.

### **4.2 Review of Memorandum dated April 25, 2012 entitled: Shubenacadie Lakes Sub-Watershed Study (*Paul Morgan, HRM Planner*)**

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner, Planning and Infrastructure, reviewed the April 25<sup>th</sup> memorandum, noting that he had anticipated providing the Board with the consultant's report for this meeting but would forward it to members prior to the June 13, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Clement confirmed that he would attend the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Connor and Mr. McLean indicated they would also try to attend the meeting.

Mr. Clement exited the meeting at 6.06 p.m.

Item 4.1 was dealt with at this time.

#### **4.1 Status Sheet Review**

The Board reviewed their Status Sheet and the following items were removed:

- Chairman's Report – Discussion of Shubenacadie Lakes Sub-Watershed Study
- Discussion with Butch Galvez, DNR-Wildlife re: Beavers and HRM Lakes

#### **4.3 Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review**

A copy of Stantec's consulting report dated June 5, 2012, entitled: Water Quality Monitoring Results for Russell Lake – April 2012 Sampling Event was circulated to the Board.

The Board entered into a discussion on reviewing policies when the causes or systemic problems of total phosphorus levels may not be known and the role of the policy review in terms of measuring outcomes.

It was noted that several members continue to encounter problems using the electronic drop-box and would provide their comments in writing to staff by June 20, 2012. Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment advised he would consolidate the Board's feedback and provide an update at the July 4, 2012 meeting.

Councillor Barkhouse exited from the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

### **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Peter Connor – Discussion re: response time on the adjustment of water levels (Lake Banook and Lake Micmac in particular)**

Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment clarified that no regulatory body oversees the time period within which water levels are adjusted.

#### **5.2 Peter Connor – Discussion re: lawn fertilizers on property adjacent to lakes**

Mr. Connor suggested that the Board include their comments and concerns on this issue as part of the MPS Water Policy Review process, to which the Board agreed.

#### **5.3 Peter Connor – Discussion re: the prevalence of beaver poles in Lake Micmac**

Mr. Connor clarified that this matter was an information item. No further action was taken.

**5.4 Peter Connor – Discussion re: the creation of a Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board Facebook page**

The Board discussed its advisory role and the extent to which advocacy and public education was part of its mandate. The Board agreed that other groups may be better suited to using social media to promote awareness about shared concerns.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence**

**6.1.1 Terrance Rowell, President, Oathill Lake Conservation Society dated May 10, 2012 re: Policy Recommendation for DLAB**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 3.

**6.2 Petitions – None**

**6.3 Delegations – None**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 BOARD MEMBERS**

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

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 4.

**8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - July 4, 2012**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Support