

DARTMOUTH LAKES ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

February 6, 2013

PRESENT: Pierre Clement, Chair  
Peter Connor, Vice Chair  
Christina Hoehne  
Mark McLean

REGRETS: Johanna Campbell

STAFF: Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment  
Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer  
Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

***Final meeting of Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board  
Minutes administratively approved***

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. in Room 101 of the Findlay Centre, Dartmouth.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2013**

**MOVED by Mr. Connor, seconded by Ms. Hoehne that the minutes of January 9, 2013 be approved, as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Mr. Connor – Ecological Health Indicators for Lakes
- 8.2 Ms. Hoehne – Ice Fishing on Lake MicMac

The Board agreed to approve the order of business, as amended.

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

**4.1 Status Sheet Review**

The Chair stated that he did not require a written response from the Dartmouth Lakes Patrol and that this item could be removed from the Status Sheet.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**5.1 Policy Review: Russell Lake Water Quality  
(i) Final Report**

The Chair requested that phosphorus level measurements in the report be changed to milligrams per litre. He also requested that the sentence under the bullet point Water Quality Monitoring read as follows: “It is recommended that future water quality monitoring programs examine flow rates, phosphorus samples at depth, dissolved oxygen and temperature profiles, in addition to current parameters.”

Board members described the assistance of Mr. MacLellan and Mr. Cameron in the preparation of the report as “an excellent job” and extended their thanks.

**MOVED by Ms. Hoehne, seconded by Mr. Connor that the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board approve the final report as amended and that this report be forwarded to the Harbour East- Marine Drive Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5.2 Future of Watershed Advisory Boards  
(i) Briefing Note dated November 30, 2012**

**(ii) Letter outlining DLAB's Recommendations on the Consolidation of  
the Watershed Advisory Boards**

The Chair drew the Board's attention to the Briefing Note. He also confirmed that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC) had received the DLAB's letter, dated January 7, 2013, outlining the Board's recommendations on the consolidation of the Watershed Advisory Boards. He added that the ESSC would meet on February 7, 2013.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence -- None**

**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)***

The Chair requested that this item be moved to follow item 8. The Board agreed.

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 Ecological Health Indicators for Lakes**

Mr. Connor raised the question of how the general ecology and health of lakes is measured, including water quality and fish and wildlife counts. The Board entered into a discussion on how data could be collected, how community and school groups contribute and how the availability of such data could be coordinated.

**8.2 Ice Fishing on Lake MicMac**

Ms. Hoehne noted that this was the first winter she had seen ice fishing on Lake MicMac. Board members provided information on the provincial process of designating lakes where ice fishing is permitted and issuing licences.

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 BOARD MEMBERS**

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

The Chair informed the Board that he was resigning as Chair following this meeting and would submit a letter to that effect. The members discussed holding a final meeting in March 2013. They came to a consensus that, in light of the forthcoming consolidation of the Watershed Advisory Boards, and with the final report of the Policy Review, the work of DLAB was complete.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - March 6, 2013 (if needed)**

The Board agreed that unless there is new information or new agenda items for the March meeting, the February meeting would be the final meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Support