

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 19, 2005

PRESENT: Dr. Wayne Stobo, Chair
Ms. Ellinor Williams, Vice Chair
Mr. Frank Hope
Mr. Walter Regan
Mr. Shalom Mandaville
Ms. Christine Smith (6:50 p.m.)
Mr. Ross Evans
Dr. Barry Thomas
Mr. Janis Rod
Mr. Derrill Hynick
Mr. Gerry Samson

ABSENT: Dr. Spencer Lee (regrets)
Councillor Linda Mosher
Dr. Sankar Ray

STAFF: Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOVED by Gerry Samson, seconded by Walter Regan that Wayne Stobo be nominated as Chair of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board.

There being no further nominations, the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Walter Regan, seconded by Janis Rod that Elinor Williams be nominated as Vice Chair of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board.

There being no further nominations, the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

The Chair advised that Mr. John Sheppard, Manager, EMS has requested that consideration of item *8.1 July 2001 Discussion Paper for the Province of Nova Scotia on Sewage Management* be deferred pending a more complete package of information, to which the Board **agreed.**

The agenda, as amended, was accepted.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT AGENDA

- Review of Watershed Advisory Board (WAB) Guidelines (Content and Distribution)

The Board agreed that the review include a discussion of whether the guidelines should include floodplain protection. Later in the meeting, it was agreed that the Board would also consider whether future stormwater management systems should remove post-development pollutants that absorb to particles smaller than ten (10) microns. Mr. Mandaville is to bring a diagram of the available technology that will allow this.

- Board Membership (at the request of Councillor Mosher)
- Baseline Sampling Results

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - NOVEMBER 17, 2004

MOVED by Walter Regan, seconded by Shalom Mandaville that the minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. UPDATES

The Chair reviewed with the Board the Information Items as follows:

- Items A and B - Information relative to upcoming Board and other meetings.
- The Chair noted that Item C the letter to Minister Russell from Mayor Kelly would serve to sensitize the Province to the concerns. He went on to note that this Board must bring future situations to the attention of HRM as soon as possible.
- D is correspondence communicating the Board's recommendations. With reference to Item E, the developer has withdrawn his application for residential development and now intends to expand the quarry operation. A perpetual green belt will be established around the quarry operation. Consequently, the environmental concerns have been addressed.
- Item F provides details around the upcoming Canadian Environmental Protection Act Review Workshop schedule. A meeting is scheduled in Halifax for Monday, January 24, 2005.
- Item G provides information regarding the 100 metre buffer as it relates to the regulation of wildlife habitat and watercourses protection
- The Board agreed that Item H, Results - Receiving Water Baseline Sampling Program - August 2004 be placed on the agenda for the next meeting at which time members may address any issues
- With reference to Item I, the Board agreed that the question of whether future stormwater management systems should remove post-development pollutants that absorb to particles smaller than ten (10) microns would be considered during the review of the WAB guidelines.
- The Board agreed that the checklist for review of Development Applications is to be forwarded to all Planners as a reminder of what the Board requires to adequately provide comments and advise on proposals for development

6.1 Archibald Lands in Waverley

This matter was considered during Information Item E.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Case 00722 - Application by Francais Diamond - Recommendations

- A draft report to Western Region Community Council dated December 15, 2004 was before the Board for consideration.

The Board reviewed the report making some minor changes. Ms. Williams will make the necessary changes and provide the report to staff for distribution to the Western Community Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 July 2001 Discussion Paper for the Province of Nova Scotia on Sewage Management - John Sheppard, Manager, Environmental Services

- Consideration of this matter was deferred to the February 16, 2004 meeting of the Board during the setting of the agenda.

8.2 Letter from Regional Planning Committee

The Board agreed that a presentation from the Regional Planning Committee be scheduled for the February 16, 2004 meeting with the Legislative Assistant making the appropriate arrangements.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - February 16, 2005

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Legislative Assistant