

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

April 20, 2011

PRESENT: Ms. Ellinor Williams, Chair
Mr. Scott Harron
Mr. David Ripley
Ms. Anna McCarron
Mr. Barry Thomas
Mr. Ross Evans

REGRETS: Mr. Derrill Hynick
Mr. Walter Regan, Vice-Chair
Councillor Peter Lund
Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF: Ms. Jillian MacLellan, Planner
Mr. Richard Harvey, Senior Planner
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support
Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes and noted a typographical error on page 5.

The Chair further requested the phrase "by the Chair" be removed from page 3 - Item 5.1, as well as from page 4 - Item 5.2.

MOVED by Mr. Ripley, seconded by Mr. Harron, that the minutes of March 16, 2011, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Chair requested that an item be added to discuss Mr. Hynick's leave of absence from the Board.

MOVED by Mr. Harron, seconded by Mr. Thomas, that the Order of Business, as amended, be accepted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT AGENDA

The Board confirmed that a presentation on LEED standards will be part of the May agenda.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET ITEMS - NONE

6. DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Case 16811: HRM-initiated application to amend the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to allow for transit facilities, specifically a Park and Ride lot at 3284 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Timberlea

A Memorandum prepared by Ms. Mackenzie Stonehocker, Planner, dated April 7, 2011 was circulated.

Ms. Jillian MacLellan, Planner, gave a staff presentation explaining zoning, the proposed site plan, wetlands protection and stormwater management. She then responded to questions from the Board, clarifying the following points:

- Oil/grit separation
- Existing highway ditching

The Board entered into a brief discussion, noting that the quality and quantity of the run-off will be maintained at the pre-construction level through the use of a catch basin, pipes, an oil-grit separator, and the natural swamp.

MOVED by Mr. Ripley, seconded by Mr. Evans, that Halifax Watershed Advisory Board recommend to Western Region Community Council that:

1. **The area between the parking lot, turning circle and the swamp be maintained in a vegetated state.**
3. **The proposal be approved, as presented.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Case 16783: Application by Clayton Developments Limited for a Stage II development agreement for Block B, Washmill Lake Drive, Halifax to allow for four multi-unit residential buildings totalling 350 units

A Memorandum prepared by Jillian MacLellan, Planner, dated April 20, 2011 was circulated.

Ms. MacLellan provided the staff presentation on the proposal, outlining the approval process and the regulations for any disturbance of sulphide bearing bedrock. Mr. Richard Harvey, Senior Planner, clarified the level of detail provided in Stage I and Stage II agreements.

The Board entered into a discussion. In response to questions, representatives of the applicant provided additional site plan maps and information on the following points:

- the slate management plan in accordance with the Nova Scotia Department of Environment requirements including post-construction monitoring
- the potential lay-out change of a cul-de-sac as a road servicing issue
- the function and structure of the dispersion trench
- the Nova Scotia Department of Environment protocol for using bedrock as structural fill
- the design of layers and caps to allow groundwater to move and rainwater to shed easily and not permeate
- the previous experience using this layered design and the improvement in water quality
- the 1-in-100 storm event plan
- temporary sediment traps during construction and oil/grit separation.
- the use of limestone as a neutralizing agent
- the commitment by the applicant to provide the Board with the same documentation provided to the Department of the Environment

Board members stated they were pleased with the proposal, recognizing that the applicant was working well with the issues of pyritic slate and the quality of water leaving the site. The Chair thanked staff and applicants for the quality of the documentation provided.

MOVED by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Harron, that Halifax Watershed Advisory Board recommend to the Chebucto Community Council that:

1. The slopes around the swamps be maintained or returned to a vegetated state.
2. Results of water monitoring tests be provided to the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board.
3. The proposal be approved, as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Mr. Hynick's Request for a Leave of Absence from the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board

The Chair provided an update on Mr. Hynick's request for a leave of absence for between six and nine months due to medical reasons.

MOVED by Mr. Harron, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board grant Mr. Hynick's request for a leave of absence for six to nine months due to medical reasons.

The Board requested clarification as to whether Mr. Hynick's leave of absence would affect the number of members required for quorum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 18, 2011

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Support