

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
HALIFAX COUNTY/HALIFAX MAINLAND WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD**

6:30 p.m.
Board Room 1
2750 Dutch Village Road
March 17, 1999

PRESENT: Ms. Colleen McNeil, Vice-Chair
Mr. David Dwyer
Mr. Walter Regan
Dr. Jack Burney
Mr. Peter Shacklock
Mr. Ross Evans
Mr. Glen Williams
Mr. David Haley
Mr. William O'Toole
Mr. Michael Guilcher
Mr. Jim Holmes

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Susan Corser, Planner
Ms. Lynne Le Boutillier, Assistant Municipal Clerk

REGRETS: Mr. Keith Manchester, Dr. Wayne Stobo, Mr. Jim MacLean, Mr. Frank Hope
and Mr. Mack McMenemy

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1.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Added to agenda were items:

- 4.4 - Pipeline Project
- 4.5 - Update Sobeys Site
- 4.6 - Tickets
- 4.7 - Article about Bedford
- 4.8 - Bennery Lake Watershed
- 4.9 - Municipal Wetland Stewardship Workshop
- 4.10- Governor's Lake North Master Plan Study Area

Deleted from agenda:

- 4.1 East Petpeswick Golf Course - deferred to April meeting

The agenda, was amended, as approved on motion of Mr. Regan and Mr. Guilcher.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following amendments were made to the Feb. 17, 1999 minutes:

Page 5 - last sentence, second paragraph - This would have a very detrimental affect on the Hemlock Ravine ecosystem.

Page 12 - Last paragraph of item 3.17 - The word 'dying' replaced with 'moribund'.

Page 12 & Index - Mr. Ernst's name spelled incorrectly.

The minutes, as amended, were adopted on motion of Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Williams.

3.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

3.1 **PROTOCOL DISTRICT 2**

Mr. Williams circulated to the members a copy of a letter he has written for the Minister of the Environment and Councillor Snow regarding a SWEPS Protocol for development of small lots. A copy of the protocol was also circulated. Mr. Williams reviewed the protocol seeking the Board's input. He noted that the protocol is an item on the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council agenda of Thursday, March 25. He anticipates

Community Council will refer it to Planning staff and Planning staff will in turn refer it to the Board for its input.

During the review, it was suggested that the words 'to satisfy the Watershed Advisory Board' be deleted in the last sentence of point 8. It was also suggested that two sentences be made of the first; one dealing with the effect on a watercourse with reference to prevention of pollutants entering, the other related to a septic field and the need to prevent rapid introduction of storm water.

If there were any other comments, Mr. Williams encouraged the members to contact him directly.

3.2 WATER QUALITY MONITORING - GLEN ARBOUR

Ms. Corser advised that HRM are now receiving the data. The complete set will be kept in the Library. It was noted that Mr. Mandaville would like access to this data for the Internet. It can be obtained through Ms. Corser.

A discussion followed on the role Dr. Blouin could play in interpreting test results. Dr. Burney noted that the subcommittee felt Dr. Blouin would be the best person for the job, as long as he is permitted to do so. Ms. Corser will follow-up with Dr. Blouin.

Mr. Guilcher reported on his and Mr. Regan's review of the development agreement for Glen Arbour. Mr. Guilcher confirmed that there is no reference in the development agreement that the proponent has to do the analysis.

While they had not been originally instructed to review the development agreement to determine if the Board's original recommendations had been included, it was felt this would be worthwhile.

During discussion it was pointed out by Ms. Corser that at the time of the drafting of the development agreement, the Manager Planning Services had difficulty with the Board's role in interpreting monitoring reports. She felt it might be time to reintroduce this concept.

Mr. Guilcher briefly summarized that Board's recommendations. Most of recommendations had related to preserving water quality and its monitoring. He found no evidence that the recommendations had been incorporated in the Development Agreement, but they might be part of the Stormwater Management Plan. There is no specific mention of the recommendations individually. He suspected, clause #8, Integrated Turf Management Plan likely covers this.

Ms. Corser pointed out that the development agreement only relates to the golf course portion of the development, as the residential component was as of right.

The Chair questioned Susan Corser on how the Board can follow-up on whether their recommendations were followed. Ms. Corser felt there is almost a need of a post-mortem, consisting of a meeting with a WAB representative, a staff person and the Development Officer to determine which of the Board's recommendations had been included in the development agreement and to determine if they were followed.

Ms. McNeil questioned whether there is any level of government which can ensure that the recommendations are followed, monitoring is done and results analyzed. Ms. Corser outlined the measures that can be imposed when there are contraventions to a development agreement. Monitoring would involve a lot of work which should be HRM's role not the Board's. Once the recommendations are written into a development agreement, they are no longer simply recommendations but law.

Ms. Corser will set up a meeting with staff and Mr. Guilcher.

Dr. Burney would like to a copy of the materials the Board dealt with in August 1996 for his sub-committee.

3.3 **INCLUSION OF PENINSULAR HALIFAX UNDER A WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD**

A copy of the letter Dr. Stobo sent to the Mayor regarding the above-noted subject was circulated with the agenda package. The Clerk advised that confirmation of receipt of the correspondence has been received and it has been forwarded to Ken Meech, CAO.

3.4 **CO-CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

Copies of a letter Dr. Stobo sent to Mr. Grant Walker, Chair, Co-Correctional Facility Advisory Committee were circulated with the agenda package for information. Ms. McNeil reported that Dr. Stobo subsequently spoke with Mr. Walker and discerned that the environment is also a concern of his.

While the contract has not yet been let, it is anticipated that Diamond Construction will be selected. Since there are no plans yet available, Mr. Walker felt it may be premature to discuss with the Board. It was therefore decided to postpone his visit for a couple of months.

Mr. Regan gave a brief update on the last meeting of the Co-Correctional Facility Advisory Committee. He noted it had included a tour of the Sackville Correctional Facility. No mention was made of Diamond Construction, however it is anticipated that the signing will take place March 26th. The project cost is estimated at \$54 million.

A discussion followed on whether or not the facility is in the Board's jurisdiction or BWAC's. Ms. Corser confirmed that Jack Lake falls with the boundaries of the former Town of Bedford. The Chair may write BWAC indicating that while the development falls within their jurisdiction, the Board would be willing to offer its assistance if BWAC is taking on a monitoring role.

A discussion followed on what if any environmental assessments have been done or are likely to be done. Mr. Regan advised that he had asked when an environmental assessment would be done but received no answer. Mr. Evans felt the project would use an assessment conducted in 1986 for the Housing Department. However, does an assessment geared for housing apply to a prison development?

Mr. Regan and Dr. Stobo will continue to provide updates.

3.5 **CONCEPT PLANS - UPDATE ON CONVERSATION WITH Mr. BIGELOW**

Mr. Regan updated the Board on his conversation with Mr. Bigelow, General Manager, Recreation Facilities. Mr. Bigelow advised Mr. Regan that his department handles approximately 400 requests a year. Mr. Bigelow felt the Board's input would be very valuable. He suggested that the Board write a letter requesting that requests involving only watercourses and wetlands be directed to the Board. The Chair requested that Mr. Regan contact her with some thoughts on what should be contained in the letter and she will draft.

3.6 **REPOSITORY - UPDATE FROM CLERK**

The Clerk advised that arrangements have been made to store Board materials in the Corporate Library, 3rd Floor Duke Tower. If the members wish to avail themselves of these materials, they can be viewed in the Municipal Clerk's Office, 4th Floor, Halifax City Hall. A prior call making such a request is required.

A discussion arose on how long materials related to the Committee are kept. It would appear that records from the Planning office are kept longer than records of the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Ms. McNeil felt it would be useful to have a list of the Board's items in the Corporate Library. Eventually this list could be included on the Board's Web site.

4.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **EAST PETPESWICK GOLF COURSE**

Deferred to April meeting.

4.2 **IMPACT GOLF COURSES HAVE ON WATERCOURSES**

Mr. Ernst, head of the Air and Toxics Section, Environment Canada was introduced by the Chair. Mr. Ernst had been invited to today's meeting to discuss the subject of the impact golf courses have on watercourses, so the Board has a better idea of the issues they should consider when reviewing golf course applications. This may result in the eventual development of guidelines or a checklist.

Mr. Ernst noted that there is currently a check list being developed by Environment Canada to provide direction when they are reviewing golf course proposals from an environmental perspective.

He reviewed with the Board a number of guides for environmental management. Mr. Ernst made a slide presentation to the Board on the high demands golf courses can make on the environment, major issues associated with loss of habitat, sedimentation, contamination from pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides and herbicides. The importance of an integrated pest management program was emphasized.

A question and answer session followed. As a result of this discussion, it was determined that the Board's role was actually stronger than either the Federal or Provincial Governments, as a result of its input into development agreements. He agreed that there is a need for a continuing monitoring program to follow-up on whether recommendations have been implemented.

It was requested that Mr. Ernst provide copies of his slides.

The Chair sought direction on how the Board wished to proceed. Mr. Regan moved a motion, seconded by Mr. Haley which was subsequently withdrawn that amendments be made to the Board's current Guidelines to include reference to golf courses, in particular.

The Chair envisaged having a list of things the Board should consider when reviewing a

golf course application. She felt the present Guidelines and this list should be kept separate. Ms. McNeil agreed to draft a summary page of the information presented by Mr. Ernest at the meeting. She will have Mr. Ernst review the draft for comprehensiveness. This summary may be useful in reviewing the East Petpeswick Golf Course proposal next month. The summary page will be provided to the members with the agenda package. A review of this summary will be conducted, prior the Board looking at the golf course proposal.

4.3 **CASE 00066, MIDYAT INVESTMENTS MAINLAND SOUTH**

Mr. Gary Porter, Planner was present to describe to the Board a second proposal being made to develop a site in the Mainland South area of Halifax adjacent to MacIntosh Run. The proposal reviewed by Mr. Porter is described in his memo to the Chair dated March 5, 1999 and attachments.

During discussion of the proposal, it was noted that the subject was originally addressed by the Board in 1997. For the benefit of the new members, copies of the Board's recommendations will be provided with the next agenda package.

Mr. Porter noted that the original proposal had been rejected by Chebucto Community Council. The proponent appealed to the Municipal Board and a hearing date was set for September. This appeal was subsequently withdrawn and the developer revised the plans. The big difference in the plan is that the area for development has been significantly reduced and it is proposed that a large portion, 200 acres of the 360 acre site, be given to the HRM for open space. The 100 acres set aside for development would contain a mixed residential development, made up of primarily single family homes. It is proposed that drainage from the streets, etc. would be directed to MacIntosh Run. Runoff from rear yards and parkland will discharge into Governors Run and Colpitt Lake via several discharge points to reduce the impact. The development would have no impact on Flat Lake.

It was recalled that the big issue identified by the Board initially was the fact that there is no sewage treatment for the development. It was noted that at the time of the initial review, the Board did not have jurisdiction over the Mainland South area, but became involved as a result of the impact the development would have on the Northwest Arm. Mr. Porter confirmed that there are still problems associated with sewage disposal in the area and the treatment of sewage isn't likely to be dealt with in the near future. While there are limitations in the sanitary sewer system of the area, likely due to storm water infiltration, he noted that it isn't related to the capacity of the Roache's Pond pumping station, but the lines further down the system.

Mr. Porter noted a report will be going to Council regarding sewage treatment facilities and how they could be paid for. He noted that a treatment plant in this vicinity would require a source of water which would have other implications.

A cursory review of the plans indicated that the proponent may have taken the Board's recommendations into consideration, i.e. more parkland and a buffer.

The Chair questioned Mr. Porter on the time frame for a response to the developer. She noted that since a number of members were new to the Board, they should be afforded the opportunity to review the recommendations made on the first proposal. It was noted that it is standard procedure for a proposal to be introduced to the Board by staff at one meeting; the proponent attend the next meeting and the recommendations subsequently drafted.

The Clerk will dig out the original development proposal, Case 7556.

Mr. Regan questioned Gary Porter as to whether silt/oil separators are being proposed for the storm sewers before they enter MacIntosh Run. While these features may be contained in the Sedimentation Control plans, Mr. Porter was not sure if they have been. It may be a recommendation the Board wishes to make next meeting.

A representative of the proponent will be invited to the next meeting to provide details. Mr. Porter will make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Haley noted that in the correspondence from Wallace Macdonald Lively there are two references to an Environmental Features Plan. It was requested that Mr. Porter bring a copy for the April meeting.

It was noted by Mr. Regan that there is reference to the Birch Cove Lakes Area Environmental Study. He felt it would be useful for a copy of this report to be added to the Board's library collection.

3.7 WATER COMMISSION PLANS

A copy of the letter Dr. Stobo sent to the Mayor on behalf of the Board requesting that the Halifax Water Commission to supply its development plans to HRM for review by a Council appointed watershed advisory group, was circulated with the agenda package for information.

The Clerk noted that a letter of confirmation of receipt of this correspondence has been received from the Mayor's Office and the Board is advised that the matter has been

referred to Ken Meech, CAO.

3.8 **GREENRIDGE MOBILE HOME PARK**

A copy of the staff report which went to Harbour East Planning Advisory Committee, March 10th was circulated with the agenda package. It was noted that most of the Board's recommendations had been incorporated in the development agreement.

Ms. Corser noted that a Public Hearing is scheduled for April 8th on the application. If approved April 8th, there is a 21 day appeal period on the development agreement.

3.9 **WESTERN COMMONS STUDY**

The Clerk advised that she has been assured by Mr. Morgan that the Board will be provided with a copy of the report when available.

3.10 **VLADI PRIVATE ISLANDS LTD. PROPOSAL**

Copies of the recommendations related to this Planning Application for a private road subdivision in the Plan Area of Eastern Shore were circulated to the members with the agenda package for their information. The proponent, Mr. Crocker, has received a letter from the Chair enclosing these recommendations, together with a copy of the Board's Guidelines.

Ms. McNeil advised that Dr. Stobo had discussed the recommendations with Kevin Barrett and was advised that Recommendation 8 was beyond the Board's mandate. He therefore added the last paragraph, noting that the Board acknowledges Recommendation #8 does not relate to potential environmental degradation, but recognizes the need for public access to both fresh and salt water bodies.

Ms. Corser commented that the developer indicates that he is entirely supportive of the Board's recommendations.

Mr. Dwyer questioned whether the Board will see the draft development agreement. Ms. Corser indicated the Board will probably see the development agreement in a time frame similar to receipt of the staff report on Greenridge Mobile Home Park.

3.11 **HECC JURISDICTION**

Ms. Corser advised that the report has not yet been tabled.

3.12 **STORM WATER MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Clerk noted that there has been no further response to the Board's correspondence, since it was initially acknowledged by the Mayor's office that the letter had been received and copies sent to Ken Meech, George McLellan and Council members.

3.13 **N.S. WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY BOARD**

Materials related to the above noted initiative and associated workshops were circulated with the agenda package for the members' information.

Dr. Stobo anticipates that once the recommendations are drafted, they will be made available to the Board for comment.

Mr. Williams related a conversation he had with the General Manager of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission on the Stewardship Program. The General Manager was very encouraged that this may be a source of future funding. At present there are very limited funds available to look after this huge watershed.

3.14 **NORTH WEST PIPELINES PRESENTATION**

In Mr. Manchester's absence, it was reported that he had spoken to Dr. Stobo on the presentation North West Pipelines made to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission. Mr. Manchester spoke to their representatives about attending a Board meeting, but it was indicated to him that they were not the correct ones to do it. They will be providing Mr. Manchester with a name and address in due course.

Apparently they are not planning to put the lateral to Dartmouth in until the summer of 2000, which represents a delay of a year.

At the commencement of the meeting, Mr. Williams had requested that an item 4.4 - Pipeline be added. He now requested that this item be dealt with in conjunction with Item 3.14. He referred to a Public Notice from the National Energy Board. It relates to the Maritime & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd.'s Halifax Lateral Pipeline Project Application. The section of pipeline originates at Stellarton and ends at the Tufts Cove Generating Plant.

Of concern to Mr. Williams was the fact that the pipeline will be constructed through areas containing a lot of acid slate, for example behind the Halifax International Airport. He questioned whether they realize the impact of disturbing acid slate. It could have a negative impact on a very large watershed.

He noted that a written intention to provide comments in writing or orally is required by April 16.

Mr. Regan queried Ms. Corser as to whether the pipeline would come to HRM for approval. She did not know. She noted that there are some exemptions for utilities and this would likely have the status of a utility.

Mr. Dwyer questioned whether the Board should be making a presentation. Ms. Corser noted that the planning contact person in the HRM is Gary Porter with the Sable Gas Committee and it might be worthwhile following up with him.

Clarification was sought on whether comments would be made on the proposal or the assessment. It was concluded that comments were being sought on the assessment, copies of which are available at libraries.

Mr. Williams will review the documents on behalf of not only the Board but SWEPS. If he should identify something of concern, he was asked to contact Dr. Stobo.

Mr. Porter will be asked to speak to the Board at the April meeting on HRM's role in this project.

3.15 MEMBERSHIP - WATERSHED RELATED GROUPS

The Clerk advised that Pat Manuel has been advised that any organization recognized as a community based organization involved in watershed protection and related activities within the Municipality, can request representation on the Board, which would require Community Council approval. Organizations associated with the Board can designate an individual to sit on the Board. Alternatively a citizen can apply to become a member as the citizen representative for their district. It was noted that there is currently a vacancy due to the resignation of Jennifer Barr, District 17, but there are a number of applications on file for this District since the last advertisement.

Ms. Corser has handled sending information to Ms. Taylor of the Chezzetcook Inlet Association.

Mr. Regan questioned the status of Mr. Kerr's query. Mr. Kerr is a member of BWAC. It was explained that nothing further had been pursued in this regard, as there must be some misunderstanding on Mr. Kerr's part of the Board's role. Perhaps he saw the Board in the role of an umbrella group, rather than being of the same status of BWAC, but just having a different area of jurisdiction, albeit larger.

A discussion followed on the procedure to follow to fill Jennifer Barr's vacancy - District 17. During discussion of the process, Ms. Corser indicated that it would not be appropriate for the Board to review the applications sent to the HRM. They are kept confidential. She recalled that the four community councillors for the areas within the Board's jurisdiction were called together to review the applications. Since only one District is involved, having the Councillor for the District review the four applications might suffice. It was noted that the terms of reference specify a vacancy can be filled at any time in the event of a resignation. Such resignations are required to be tendered in writing.

It was decided that the Board should initiate the process by Ms. McNeil writing to the Community Council identifying a new representative from District 17 is required.

4.5 **SOBEYS - FALL RIVER AREA**

In his update, Mr. Williams noted that a lot of excavation work is being done associated with this development, necessitated due to the acid slate problem. While there are several ways to deal with acid slate, he advised that the preferred method for this site is to put the materials excavated into salt water. He personally had observed in filling of Halifax Harbour. To date apparently a large quantity has been removed from the site and there is a sizeable quantity yet to be removed. He noted that there is no evidence of storm water runoff from the site being affected by the acid slate disturbance. Effective controls have evidently been built into the design of the project.

4.6 **TICKETS**

Mr. Regan alerted that members that he had some SRA raffle tickets for sale.

4.7 **ARTICLE ABOUT BEDFORD**

Mr. Regan referred to a newspaper notice of a Public Information meeting being held in Bedford associated with a proposed single family dwelling on Kearney Lake Road, within 'x' number of feet of a watercourse. He wondered if this site was within the Board's jurisdiction.

The Board was advised by the Clerk that this subject had been brought to BWAC's attention last month.

4.8 **BENNERY LAKE**

Ms. Corser referred to an e-mail she had sent to the Chair regarding a call from Dr. Blouin regarding a recently initiated process to formally designate the Bennery Lake Watershed as a water supply area under the province's Environment Act. The procedure to be followed has yet to be laid out.

Apparently a letter had been sent by Regional Council to the Minister earlier in the year requesting that the process get underway. An ad-hoc committee has been formed and the process is being defined. Ms. Corser listed the membership to date. Dr. Blouin raised with Ms. Corser the potential role of the WAB in this process and her role in helping the ad hoc committee to define the public consultation process. The possible involvement of a SWEPS' representative was also discussed.

She felt this might be an interesting process for the Board to become involved with. Ms. Corser planned to attend the next ad hoc committee meeting, when more details regarding the process should be available. She noted that the water supply would not be within the jurisdiction of the Halifax Water Commission, but HRM. The water supply would be for the use of the Halifax International Airport. Once she had attended this meeting, she will recommend to the Board whether it should consider joining the ad hoc committee or not.

4.9 **GOVERNOR'S LAKE NORTH MASTER PLAN STUDY AREA**

Circulated at the meeting was a copy of a memo from Paul Morgan, Planning Services respecting an Open House Session to initiate the above noted study. Ms. Corser felt it would be worthwhile if a Board member could attend this meeting. Mr. Regan noted he will be attending the session scheduled for March 25, 1999. He will report back to the Board.

4.10 **MUNICIPAL WETLAND STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP**

Ms. Corser was in receipt of some information regarding the above noted workshop to take place April 20, 1999 in Truro. Copies of the agenda were circulated to the members. While it is a no fee workshop, it seems to be aimed at planners and development officers. She noted that it appears this will be the only session for Nova Scotia. In the event someone from the Board can also attend, Ms. Corser will contact the members.

**CWRA CONFERENCE - PARTNERSHIP IN WATER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT**

Ms. McNeil advised that Dr. Stobo and she will have the draft submission ready for the Board's next meeting.

To date there are still no funds available to finance attendance at the Conference, however Ms. Corser will raise the issue with her supervisor tomorrow. Considering the good publicity that the HRM will gleam from the submission, \$150.00 does not seem like a bad investment.

5.0 **CONCEPT PLANS**

None.

COMPOST BAG

Mr. Evans circulated a compost bag which has been developed to keep organics out of the landfill. He noted it is totally biodegradable. Ms. McNeil suggested that at present the cost of the bag may be prohibitive at 60 cents a bag. The bag is used either in conjunction with the mini green bins or by itself.

6.0 **SUBCOMMITTEE(S)**

6.1 **SUBCOMMITTEE ON PARAMETERS FOR WATER QUALITY TESTING -
UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

During review of the February minutes, it was noted that on page 9 reference is made to Mr. Haley drafting a letter to the Deputy Minister(s) acknowledging the participation of members from the Provincial Government on the Subcommittee. Mr. Haley assured the members that he did draft the correspondence. It was requested that a copy be circulated with the next agenda.

Dr. Burney reported that the sub-committee has not met since the last meeting, but plans to meet March 23rd. *(The Clerk was subsequently advised that this meeting has been canceled and their next meeting will be held April 20th. It is Dr. Burney's intention to bring a pre-interim report to the Board for its input, April 21st.)*

Dr. Burney reviewed with the Board the Committee's progress. He felt that the Committee is at a crossroads. He listed the issues discussed to date. He felt that something needs to be put in writing at this stage and any blanks filled in at a later date. He felt that the final report will be fairly short, 10 to 15 pages with reference to various documents. Dr. Burney didn't see it containing a lot of details. He felt it was simply the Committee's objective to develop recommendations of what to do in certain circumstances.

Once the report is complete, Mr. Dwyer questioned whether it was the intent to dissolve the Committee. Dr. Burney felt this would be up to the Board. He noted the more the Committee delves into the subject, the more issues arise. He anticipates an end product by summer. The recommendations will be presented to the Board. Where the recommendations go from there, will be up to the Board.

Reference was made to the Committee's attempt to select a set of samples which will allow continuity, ie. pre construction, during construction and post construction phases. Dr. Burney confirmed they had got stuck on biological monitoring and consulted Mr. Mandaville.

MAP IDENTIFYING DISTRICTS

Mr. Holmes felt it would be worthwhile for the members to be circulated a map identifying the HRM districts. He personally would like to receive a copy of the terms of reference as well. He questioned whether there are any items new members of the committee should have from an educational perspective.

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, April 21, 1999.

The Clerk noted that due to budget cuts, coffee for the Board will no longer be available!

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Dr. Wayne Stobo
Chairman

Lynne Le Boutillier
Assistant Municipal Clerk

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