



**REGIONAL WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
November 9, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Walter Regan, Chair
Ms. Kelly Schnare, Vice Chair
Mr. Russell Dmytriw
Ms. Darlene Fenton

REGRETS: Ms. Jennifer Rocard
Mr. Pierre Clement

STAFF: Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Maxine Tynes Room, 2nd floor, Alderney Public Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 10, 2016

MOVED by Mr. Russell Dmytriw, seconded by Ms. Kelly Schnare

THAT the minutes of September 14, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 10.1 Kelly Schnare – Watermark Project Presentation
- 10.2 Walter Regan – Future of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board
- 10.3 Walter Regan – December Meeting

MOVED by Ms. Darlene Fenton, seconded by Mr. Russell Dmytriw

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**
- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**
- 8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Discussion re: draft Paper Mill Lake watershed assessment study from Dalhousie University

Mr. Dmytriw commented that most of his questions were answered in the report and he would like to know when the report will be available to the public.

Mr. Deacoff explained that the report will go the North West Community Council next Tuesday and that he will confirm when it goes public.

Ms. Fenton questioned if the phosphorus levels in the report are in agreement between the developer and Halifax Regional Municipality Staff, which Mr. Deacoff confirmed that they are.

Responding to questions of clarification, Mr. Deacoff explained that the development agreement is a legal document that regulates the phosphorus level and water monitoring.

Ms. Fenton questioned if HRM is working on a storm water quality standard. Mr. Deacoff responded that staff is committed to developing a storm water management by-law that will connect HRM and Halifax Water policy.

Ms. Schnare and Mr. Dmytriw commented that would not like to receive paper agenda packages in the future.

Mr. Regan questioned if the report indicated the mercury contamination, to which Mr. Deacoff responded that it was out of the scope of the paper.

Mr. Regan commented that storm water testing should be implemented to allow for HRM to get a handle on long term storm water monitoring and that McQuade Lake should be used as a monitoring facility.

Ms. Fenton commented that there could be opportunities to develop projects with the university and that partnering with the academic community could allow for affordable projects.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Kelly Schnare – Watermark Project Presentation

Ms. Schnare distributed a handout regarding the Watermark Project and explained that the project works by collecting individual stories about people value water bodies and the beneficial use they have of a specific water body, the basis for which is that when the facts are written down, a sense of unique evidence is created. For more information, see watermarkproject.ca

10.2 Walter Regan – Future of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board

Mr. Regan commented that he has set up a meeting with senior HRM staff for November 29th 2016 to express his disappointment that the board is not being used effectively. He commented that if there is a future for the board, then its use and mandate needs to be expanded and the board needs to be able to review development agreements and have high level discussions.

The Board discussed the importance of being able to identify agenda items and develop policy.

Mr. Deacoff explained that, given the volume of Development Agreements, it would not be possible for the Regional Watershed Advisory Board to review each one.

10.3 December Meeting

The Committee discussed the December meeting and decided that it was not worthwhile having this meeting. The Legislative Assistant explained that no meeting was scheduled for December so that no motion to cancel the December meeting was required.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 11, 2017, Maxine Tynes Room, Alderney Public Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Support