



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
August 1, 2018**

PRESENT: Kelly Schnare, Chair
Rose Featherstone
Timothy Boudreau
Laura McCallum

REGRETS: Jennifer Rocard, Vice Chair
Derek Vallis

STAFF: Shannon Miedema, Manager, Energy & Environment
Cameron Deacoff, Environment Performance Officer, Energy & Environment
Hannah Forsyth, Legislative Support, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. and the Board adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at Alderney Public Library, Helen Creighton Room, 2nd Floor 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BAORD MEMBERS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 Correspondence – None

5.2 Petitions – None

5.3 Presentations

5.3.1 Developing Coastal Protection Legislation by John Somers, Nova Scotia Environment

John Somers, from the department of Nova Scotia Environment (NSE), gave a brief overview of the coastal protection legislation's history and context. Somers clarified that proposed legislation is to provide a legal protection for coastlines not an infrastructure program. Somers presented the three main components of the legislation as defining coastal zones, permitted activity and exceptions, and monitoring and compliance. Somers concluded the presentation by noting an online survey available on the NSE website until August 17, 2018. They have received 1,000 responses so far, and hope that the consultation effort will strengthen the legislation. Somers encouraged board members to fill out the survey and share it with their contacts.

The Board offered the following feedback on the presentation:

- The survey should also reflect the interests of non-homeowners and non-coastal landowners, in order to gather their feedback as well.
- NSE should consult with municipal planners so that they are aware of other current initiatives that could intersect this legislation.
- Long term considerations for creeping high water marks and setbacks.
- Publishing a list of who has been consulted on this legislation is encouraged.
- Regulations can be dynamic and change as more information is gathered.
- Furthermore, those regulations should be adaptable to re-examine local needs when weather events occur.
- Members suggested replacing the word 'setback' with "serious parameter" or "vulnerable/threatened area".
- There should be an increased promotion of the human risk in public spaces.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 12, 2018, HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support