



**WESTERN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 22, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Shirley Jollimore, Chair  
Councillor Richard Zurawski  
Kelly Carlton  
Frank Johnson  
Michael Lamplugh

**REGRETS:** Jane MacNeill, Vice-Chair  
Betty Hutchings  
Wayne Shellnut

**STAFF:** Gareth Evans, Recreational Planning Specialist  
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to the Legislative Assistant.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Michael Lamplugh, seconded by Councillor Richard Zurawski

**THAT Shirley Jollimore be nominated for the position of Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.**

The Chair called three times for any further nominations, there being none, Shirley Jollimore was declared Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Michael Lamplugh, seconded by Shirley Jollimore

**THAT Jane MacNeill be nominated Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.**

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations, there being none, Jane MacNeill was declared Vice Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Legislative Assistant turned the meeting over to Shirley Jollimore who assumed the Chair.

## **2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Snowshoe hike along McDonald Lake Saturday, February 29, 2020. The event is weather depended but if there is no snow a hike is still planned, followed by hot chocolate at the Prospect Road Community Centre.

Trail information/updates, specific to each Region, is available a Nova Scotia Connect - <https://novascotiainconnect.cioc.ca/>

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 23, 2019**

MOVED by Richard, seconded by Kelly

**THAT the minutes of October 23, 2019 be approved as circulated.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

MOVED by Councillor Richard Zurawski, seconded by Michael Lamplugh

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**8.1 Correspondence – None**

**8.2 Petitions – None**

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**10.1 STAFF**

**10.1.1 Update on Nichols Lake Trail**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated January 20, 2020
- Handout materials on Nichols Lake Trail

Alex Quinn, Design Engineer, Project Planning and Design provided an update on the proposed trail alignment between the Prospect Road Community Centre and the Old Coach Road (South of Big Indian Lake). Highlights were as follows:

- The preliminary design has been completed and currently under review by HRM
- The geotechnical filed work, hydrology and survey work has been completed
- Multiple bridge options were identified in Cobequid Trail Consulting's report (e.g. timber, steel, wooden), the recommended structure was a roll-out steel bridge
- The preliminary cost estimate exceeds \$600,000 (excluding any trail approach work)

The Committee discussed bridge options and estimated cost, topography constraints and maintaining the environmental integrity. Members questioned if changes were needed to the Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan to address trail standards (Barrier Free Trails).

**10.1.2 Update on Water Crossing Study**

Garnet McLaughlin, Cobequid Trail Consulting spoke to the Committee on the multiple water crossings and wet areas (e.g. bogs) along the proposed trail alignment included in the Master Plan between Nichols Run and the Old Coach Road.

Staff and McLaughlin responded to further questions on the topography constraints and maintaining the environmental integrity.

MOVED by Michael Lamplugh, seconded by Kelly Carlton

**THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee request staff provide information for their next regularly scheduled meeting outlining potential changes needed to the Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan to address overall trail standards as a result of topography constraints and environmental integrity.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.3 Update on Ragged Lake Study**

Doug Reid, Policy and Planning provided an update on the Natural System Conservation Study, one of the various background studies being done to provide a land suitability analysis for the Ragged Lake Industrial Park. The study is set to start February 2020 and will take approximately 12 months to complete and focus on collecting information with respect to wetlands, watercourses, habitat and geology. Information on the study's findings will be shared with the Committee as it becomes available. A copy of the presentation is on file.

**10.1.4 Update on Derelict Campsites**

Gareth Evans, Policy and Planning spoke to the challenges of removing illegal derelict campsites. The public is encouraged to report these types of sites to 311. Staff will provide the Committee will an update of sites that have been cleaned up at their next meeting. The Chair encouraged members to also email Evans if they were aware of a site that needed to be cleaned up.

**10.2 COMMITTEE – NONE**

**11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public came forward at this time.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 27, 2020**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Krista Vining  
Legislative Assistant