



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 8, 2023**

PRESENT: Tony Blouin, Chair
David Foster, Vice Chair
Stu Campana
Martin Willison
Susan Belford
Ahmad Almallah
Shalom Mandaville
Ceo Gaudet
Rebecca Parker
Linzey Bedard

REGRETS: Mimi O'Handley

STAFF: Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment
Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m., the Board adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2023

MOVED by David Foster, seconded by Martin Willison

THAT the minutes of May 11, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Martin Willison, seconded by David Foster

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

6.1.1 Martin Willison: Watershed Mapping

Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment spoke to Martin Willison's presentation at the May 11, 2023 meeting and responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Wattie explained undertaking updated watershed mapping falls within provincial jurisdiction and spoke to an upcoming meeting between Wattie, Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist and staff from the Province of Nova Scotia to discuss provincial efforts to enhance watershed mapping and how current watershed data could be made more accessible to the public.

The Board discussed the possibility of writing a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting updated watershed mapping pending an update from Wattie and Montgomery on the outcome of their meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentations - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update on Watershed Management Framework

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated June 8, 2023

Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

9.1.2 Beach Season Protocols 2023

The following was before the Board:

- Handout entitled "Halifax Beach Water Quality Monitoring Protocol Summer 2023"

Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist provided an update on HRM's Beach Water Quality Monitoring Protocols for 2023 and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

The Board asked Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant to contact the Centre for Water Resources Studies (CWRS) at Dalhousie University on their behalf to request they present at a future meeting and outline the process in which CWRS can submit a request to present.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 10, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant