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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lebrun Centre, Bedford.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion **MOVED** by Mr. Doug Murray, seconded by Cedric Pilkington the minutes of February 11, 2004 were approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair noted there were three presentations on the agenda and suggested they be moved up as first order of business on the agenda, as follows:

- 8.1 Guest Speaker - Papermill Watershed Dam Commission, Hon. Peter Christie, Minister of Finance
- 8.2 Staff Presentation - Water Resource Management Strategy in Relation to the Interim Growth Plan Amendment
- 7.2.1 Stormwater Management Plan - Neighborhood B, Bedford South/Wentworth - Clayton

The Board concurred, and the **agenda was accepted** with no additions or deletions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Guest Speaker - Papermill Watershed Dam Commission, Hon. Peter Christie, Minister of Finance

Minister Peter Christie addressed the Board and advised that his purpose at this meeting was to present the concept of a Papermill Lake Watershed Preservation Committee and to get feedback from the Board. He explained that several months ago he and Councillor Goucher had discussed the idea of bringing community focus to the issues of the dams and all its tributaries and, as a result, are proposing to develop a committee with the working name of the Papermill Lake Watershed Preservation Committee. This group would be directly involved with Kearney, Quarry and Papermill Dams and the waters that run through. Minister Christie elaborated on the particulars of the proposed committee, highlighted as follows:

- C Mandate - to maintain and uphold the water courses of Papermill, Quarry, Kearney Lake and its tributaries, and into Moirs Pond and its feeder systems.
- C The Committee would be comprised of seven members—three residents of the Kearney Lake area, two residents of Bedford, and two members from BWAB.

- C It would have a mandate of two to three years and would have three main objectives:
 - < advice and consent to the Department of Environment with a direct reporting structure to the Department of Environment.
 - < advise the Department of Environment, and keep in contact with NWCC through the BWAB on plans and developments affecting Papermill Lake and its streams, with the direction to view the plans of the dam.
 - < research and advise on specific projects directed by Department of Environment with the goal of safeguarding the community and stakeholders in what they will continue to have in those areas for recreational purposes and other purposes which might be deemed to be necessary in future years.

- C working attachment to BWAB and NWCC i.e. share reports etc. so as to not duplicate efforts.

- C Department of Environment views the proposal as something beneficial and feel that it should have a direct reporting relationship to the Department. It has expressed some concern in regard to where the Committee may ultimately see the ownership of the dams going.

In concluding his remarks, Minister Christie added that the proposal is not intended to duplicate the work of BWAB but to give it a specifically targeted area on which to focus.

Minister Christie responded to questions from the Board.

Prior to retiring from the meeting, Minister Christie asked that, if the Board wanted to provide feedback, it do so within the next few weeks, as he is hoping to get the Committee up and running in a couple of months.

8.2 Staff Presentation - Water Resource Management Strategy in Relation to the Interim Growth Plan Amendment

Mr. Fred Wendt, Planner, was in attendance to outline the process for the Regional Planning Project and, specifically, respond to the Board's concern about the recommendations of the Water Management Resource Strategy and where they fit within the Regional Plan.

Highlights of Mr. Wendt's presentation are as follows:

- S Regional planning is at the stage that staff call, 'Generating Alternatives' - up to this

point, public participation has been carried out; goals and objectives were developed and approved by Council, and staff are now at the point where they will discuss different approaches in growth in HRM with the public.

- S Staff is concurrently discussing interim growth management to pre-empt a rush of subdivision approvals which might come in advance of any real meaningful discussion of their planning options; staff is in the process of looking at plan amendments for this interim period while they discuss the various options that might be available for the future of HRM.
- S Council session to be held on March 11, 2004, - staff recommending a public hearing date of March 30.
- S Interim Growth Management Plan amendments will be completed mid to late April, and regional planning growth will continue to 2005.
- S RE: Water Management Resources Study - a series of recommendations made in that study have been assigned to the appropriate business unit, with the direction to develop an implementation plan, (e.g. Environmental Management Services has taken the items under its jurisdiction and is working its way through the budget process). Subsequently, Regional Planning will take those specific recommendations and work them into their Plan. In conclusion, Mr. Wendt advised that a number of the recommendations in the Water Management Resource Study will be implemented the Regional Plan.

Mr. Wendt responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Wendt indicated that he would look into two questions of Dr. S. Ray concerning how staff intend to rationalize the contradictions in the report, and areas that are excluded from the Water Management Resource Study, such as marine areas, wetlands, and forestry and would report back on these items.

7.2 STAFF REPORTS:

7.2.1 Stormwater Management Plan - Neighborhood B, Bedford South/Wentworth - Clayton

- S A memo dated March 1, 2004 from Angus Schaffenburg, Planner II with an attachment of Appendix "F" Development Agreement Storm Water Management plan for Neighbourhood: "B" of the Wentworth/Bedford South Master Plan Area was submitted.
- S a revised copy of Figure F-5 of the submitted Storm Water Management Plan was

circulated due to typo in the original.

Mr. Mike Hanusiak, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Clayton Developments addressed the Board and advised that he was representing Clayton Developments and Cresco on this matter. He introduced Mark Garnet, O'Halloran Campbell; Sue Belford, Jacques Whitford; and Don Williams, Mac Williams Engineering. Mr. Hanusiak indicated the Storm Water Management Plan was prepared by Jacques Whitford Environment Limited in consultation with Mac Williams Engineering Limited and O'Halloran Campbell Consultants Limited.

Mr. Hanusiak and Mr. Williams then reviewed the Storm Water Management Plan for Neighbourhood "B" as outlined in the submitted document and responded to questions from the Board.

Following discussion, and with Mr. Hanusiak and Mr. Williams responding to questions, it was **MOVED by Mr. Lawrence White, seconded by Ms. Deborah Gillis** that the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board recommend acceptance of the Neighborhood "B" Storm Water Management Plan, and suggest consideration be given to including text in the Development Agreement that would require property owners, both private and public, to maintain storm water infrastructure in front of their properties e.g. catch basins, and have inspections carried out on an annual basis and property owners charged if they are found in noncompliance. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET

4.1.1 Infilling of Moirs Pond

The Chair advised there was nothing new at this time to report.

4.1.2 Kearney/Quarry/Paper Mill Dams

The Chair indicated that Minister Christie's presentation had provided an update.

4.1.3 Paper Mill Lake - Watershed Water Quality Monitoring Program

S A letter dated February 18, 2004 from AMEC Earth & Environmental Limited regarding Papermill Lake Watershed - Upstream Water Quality Sampling Program Autumn 2003 Sampling Event was submitted.

A brief discussion was held and questions raised about the test results. The Chair advised that Chris Elliott, of AMEC indicated he'd be willing to review the information should anyone want to discuss the report. The Chair suggested that Cedric Pilkington, Kate Hadden, and

Dr. Ray meet with Chris Elliott to review the results.

Mr. Pilkington pointed out that time was quickly running out to get a winter sampling done, and he noted that he wasn't aware of any funds available to do this. The Chair advised that he would look into this matter immediately.

4.1.4 Storm Water Management: Union Street Area

This item was not discussed.

4.1.5 Paper Mill Run

This item was not discussed.

4.1.6 Parker's Brook

This item was not discussed.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS: None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS: None.

7. REPORTS:

7.1 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

7.1.1 Water Quality Inventory Committee - None

7.1.2 Paper Mill Lake Advisory Committee - None

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant