



**REGIONAL WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 22, 2017**

PRESENT: Mr. Walter Regan
Ms. Kelly Schnare
Mr. Russell Dmytriw
Ms. Jennifer Rocard
Ms. Penny Henneberry
Mr. Derek Vallis

STAFF: Ms. Holly Richardson, Energy and Environment Acting Program Manager
Mr. Peter Duncan, Manager of Infrastructure and Planning
Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Sharon Chase, Legislative Support

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 5:06 p.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Walter Regan, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Maxine Tynes Room, 2nd floor, Alderney Public Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. Round table introductions were given at this time.

Mr. Regan turned the meeting over to Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant at this time.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board.

MOVED by Penny Henneberry, seconded by Russell Dmytriw

THAT Walter Regan be nominated Chair of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board.

Mr. Regan accepted the nomination.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Ms. Vining called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Walter Regan was declared Chair of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board.

Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board.

MOVED by Walter Regan, seconded by Russell Dmitriw

THAT Kelly Schnare be nominated Vice Chair of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board.

Ms. Schnare was not present at this time but accepted the nomination upon her arrival at 5:20 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Ms. Vining called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Kelly Schnare was declared the Vice Chair of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2016

MOVED by Penny Henneberry, seconded by Russell Dmytriw

THAT the minutes of November 9, 2016 be approved as presented

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS- NONE**
8. **INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**
9. **REPORTS**
- 9.1 **Regional Watershed Advisory Committee Work Plan**

The following was before the Board:

- Proposed RWAB Work Plan 2017 with a handout to lead work planning discussion

Mr. Walter Regan gave a brief review of the meeting he and Kelly Schnare had with staff in November 2016. It was very productive and initiated the framing and focus of the Board's work plan.

Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer outlined four main planning and development activities: Halifax Green Network Plan; storm water management; Bedford West phosphorus assessment and Energy and Environment's 3 year work plan. A copy of the presentation is on file.

The board discussed areas of interest and the need for a clear definition of common watershed management.

Staff proposed their understanding/expectation of the Board's role:

- Review and provide input to the scope, content and form of deliverables
- Provide constructive criticism of draft deliverables as they approach completion

Ms. Holly Richardson, Energy and Environment Acting Program Manager reviewed size and scope of their work team.

The Board reviewed their terms of reference and how they advise the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC), as well as how work flows between staff, ESSC, RWAB and Council. The Board discussed ways to stay current and informed on both municipal policy projects and local concerns to be most effective as an advisory board.

Mr. Regan expressed an interest in having Council representation on the Board.

Ms. Richardson indicated that she would look at continuity and which policies and projects are brought to the board.

Staff presented work planning handout as a working tool to help define how staff best engage with the board. The Board asked that this be an agenda item for the next meeting for discussion and recommendation to ESSC.

9.2 Status of Aquatic Weed Harvesting Project – Lake Banook

The following was before the Board:

- Staff memorandum dated February 16, 2017

Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer spoke to the status of the Aquatic Weed Harvesting Project for Lake Banook, as outlined in the staff memorandum dated February 16, 2017 and answered questions regarding the scope of the project.

Discussion was held on what was happening with other HRM lakes and staff was asked to provide an update on Saw Mill River.

Ms. Henneberry indicated that she had information on the Cumberland County Environmental Planning Framework, explaining that a portion of the project reviewed land use planning based on watersheds and ecosystems versus traditional planning formats for Cumberland County and would provide to Ms. Vining for circulation to the Board.

The Board discussed watershed development planning and the idea of a master storm water plan.

10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 2017 Proposed Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Board:

- Proposed meeting schedule for 2017

MOVED by Penny Henneberry, seconded by Russell Dmytriw

THAT the Regional Watershed Advisory Board review and approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2017 as presented

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Sharon Chase
Legislative Support