



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 14, 2018**

PRESENT: Kelly Schnare, Chair
Rose Featherstone
Tim Boudreau
Kevin Hooper
Laura McCallum

REGRETS: Jennifer Rocard, Vice Chair
Aaron Ezekiel
Derek Vallis

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. and the Board adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. at HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Rose Featherstone noted that the Halifax Area Model Yacht Club that sail and race on Sullivan's Pond in Dartmouth have applied to have their route mowed in addition to the aquatic weed harvesting project on Lake Banook and Lake Micmac.

Kelly Schnare announced a free event called the SHIFT conference with the theme of "Let's make great streets together". It will be hosted by the Dalhousie School of Planning and will run from March 1st to March 3, 2018.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2018

A typographical error was noted on page 3.

MOVED by Tim Boudreau, seconded by Kevin Hooper

THAT the minutes of January 10, 2018 be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition:

11.1 Rose Featherstone – Water Quality Monitoring

MOVED by Tim Boudreau, seconded by Laura McCallum

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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 – January 10, 2018

7.1 Discuss RWAB Terms of Reference and mandate

MOVED by Tim Boudreau, seconded by Kevin Hooper

THAT the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board recommends that the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that staff be directed to review the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board's Terms of Reference and mandate.

The Board discussed their mandate and composition. The Board noted an opportunity to use their knowledge and expertise to advise the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC) on more extensive water relate matters. Currently their mandate limits the Board to only providing advice

when directed by ESSC or staff initiated. The Board considered the following:

Proposed changes to the Board's purpose:

- Ability to advise on solid waste management issues (e.g. if a composting or waste facility were to be built near a watershed)
- Having the ability to advise on joint projects between HRM and Halifax Water
- Having ESSC provide a yearly work plan to RWAB
- Have a mechanism to be able to bring municipal water related issues that represent the public interest to the attention of ESSC and highlight concerns at the earliest stage for possible policy and planning considerations (e.g. land based issue such as winter road maintenance operations, or beach and lake water quality testing)

Proposed changes to the Board's composition:

- Have representation from a member of Halifax Regional Council
- Replace the word 'NGO' with *Environmental Community Group* as a more friendly terminology
- Have formal mechanisms to receive feedback from the outcomes of the recommendation made by the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board

The motion and formulation of directives were deferred to the next meeting.

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 RWAB Proposed 2018 Workplan – Staff Directed Work

The following was before the Board:

- A copy of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Proposed 2018 Workplan – Staff Directed Work

Shannon Miedema, Manager, described the proposed workplan for the Board in 2018 and gave a brief description of each upcoming item, their originating groups and estimated start dates.

Members asked if a beach closure program presentation could be added to the upcoming year. Staff noted the request and will follow up with the Board.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Rose Featherstone – Water Quality Monitoring

Due to time constraints, the Board agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 14, 2018

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Staff report dated November 28, 2017 to Environment and Sustainability Standing committee February 1, 2018 entitled: Pollution Control Study for Lake Banook