



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 11, 2018**

PRESENT: Kelly Schnare, Chair
Jennifer Rocard, Vice Chair
Rose Featherstone
Laura McCallum
Timothy Boudreau
Linda Campbell

REGRETS: Derek Vallis

STAFF: Ben Sivak, Principal Planner, Planning & Development
Richard Harvey, Supervisor Community Planning
Shannon Miedema, Manager, 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 5:15 p.m. and the Board adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. at HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth without quorum. The Board discussed item 10.1.1 Review of Green Network Plan until quorum was achieved at 5:44 p.m.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rose Featherstone discussed a new right of way charge on Halifax Water bills.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13th, 2018

MOVED by Rose Featherstone, seconded by Tim Boudreau

THAT the minutes of June 13, 2018 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Rose Featherstone, seconded by Tim Boudreau

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 – NONE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Review of Green Network Plan

The following was before the Board:

- Halifax Green Network Plan dated June 2018

The Board reviewed the Green Network Plan with Ben Sivak, Principal Planner and Richard Harvey, Supervisor Current Planning responding to questions.

Members sought clarification around road salt usage and invasive species, items that are not explicitly discussed in the plan. Members discussed the importance of key performance indicators and measuring success in the plan. It was noted that the scope of the document is large and much of the green space is in rural and suburban areas.

From the discussion, it was recognized that the Board strongly supports the Green Network Plan.

Additional points made were:

- The Board was pleased with the ambitious and comprehensive plan.
- The Board appreciated the accessible glossary and public-friendly text, recognizing that it is a public document.

- The theme of resiliency to climate change should be further explored, with more emphasis on coastal zone resiliency. Protective shorelines are critical for protecting the land behind it.
- Transparency should be a focus throughout the planning and implementation stages.
- Going forward, the Plan should be an opportunity for accountability. For example, Development Agreements should be enforced and followed so that the required greenspace is included.
- The Plan could be an educational tool for the public, which could include an interactive PDF version for the public to access online.
- Simple measurements should be implemented for water quality monitoring. The Municipality should explore purchasing simple technical equipment that would measure conductivity, salinity and acidity levels. The results captured from regular water quality monitoring could help to inform key performance indicators outlined in the Plan.
- It is unclear how the outcomes of the Plan will be measured or deemed successful. New key performance indicators should be created and the associated action items and partnership parameters stated.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 1, 2018, HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support