



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
March 13, 2019**

PRESENT: Linda Campbell, Chair
Emma Bocking, Vice Chair
Rose Featherstone
Laura McCallum
Carol Cameron
Melissa Lee
Andrew Sullivan

STAFF: 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

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

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Committee are available online at Halifax.ca

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. at HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

MOVED by Rose Featherstone, seconded by Laura McCallum

THAT Linda Campbell be nominated Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any other nominations, there being none, Linda Campbell was declared Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Linda Campbell assumed the Chair and the Legislative Assistant took their seat.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

MOVED by Rose Featherstone, seconded by Carol Cameron

THAT Emma Bocking be nominated Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations, there being none, Emma Bocking was declared Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members discussed the recent over salting with an interest in providing input. The Legislative Assistant advised they would follow up with the Manager of Energy and Environment and report back.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Rose Featherstone, seconded by Laura MacCallum

THAT the minutes of November 14, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The committee proposed adding a discussion on the date of the next meeting as item 11.1

MOVED by Rose Featherstone, 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

Andrew Sullivan declared a conflict of interest for item 10.1.2 Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring at Lake Banook & Lake Micmac Final Report, explaining that they had worked on parts of this report.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

8.1 Correspondence

8.2 Petitions

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Orientation

Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant provided an overview on the following:

- Role of Advisory Board and Committees;
- Terms of Reference;
- Role of the Chair;
- Meetings and Agendas;
- Conflict of Interest;
- What Happens at a Meeting;
- Diversity and Inclusion; and
- Member Conduct.

A copy of the presentation is on file.

Vining responded to questions raised by the members.

10.1.2 Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring at Lake Banook & Lake Micmac Final Report

The following was before the Board:

- A report from Stantec dated February 1, 2019 entitled: Lake Banook and Lake Micmac 2018 Port-Harvest Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring Report

Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer, Energy & Environment gave a presentation on the Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring at Lake Banook & Lake Micmac Report. Deacoff offered the context and cause of the study, describing the options presented to HRM by Stantec, with weed harvesting as the preferred option. Deacoff explained the mechanics of the vegetation harvester and explained that vegetation mapping was used to determine target areas for cutting. Deacoff detailed the actions taken so far and presented the monitoring data to the Board. Deacoff concluded that budget approval is necessary for any next steps.

The Board asked questions on cross-jurisdictional research and soil samplings. The Board agreed to defer the rest of the discussion to the next meeting date.

MOVED by Laura McCallum, seconded by Emma Bocking

THAT the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board continue discussing item 10.1.2 Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring at Lake Banook and Lake Micmac at their next meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 2019 Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed their approved 2019 meeting schedule, wherein the Board meets the second Wednesday of each month, with some exceptions due to scheduling conflicts, at 5 p.m. in the HEMDCC Meeting Space, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

MOVED by Laura McCallum, seconded by Linda Campbell

THAT the Regional Watershed Advisory Board meetings be held the second Thursday of each month going forward.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 18, 2019, HEMDCC Meeting Space, Main Floor Alderney Gate, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support