



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
October 13, 2022**

PRESENT: Tony Blouin, Chair
David Foster, Vice Chair
Céo Gaudet
Linzey Bedard
Andrew Medeiros
Helen Langille
Mimi O'Handley
Martin Willison
Stu Campana

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell

REGRETS: Rebecca Parker

STAFF: Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment
Elizabeth Montgomery, Environmental Professional
Eric Bowdridge, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 9, 2022

MOVED by Céó Gaudet, seconded by David Foster

THAT the minutes of June 9, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Andrew Medeiros, seconded by Linzey Bedard

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Andrew Medeiros declared a conflict of interest for item 9.1.1 Update on LakeWatchers, noting their student was using data from LakeWatchers.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update on LakeWatchers

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated October 13, 2022

Andrew Medeiros was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared a conflict interest in the matter, as their student was using data from LakeWatchers.

Eric Bowdridge, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment gave a presentation on previous lake monitoring programs in HRM and the current LakeWatchers lake monitoring program. Wattie responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding volunteer recruitment, retention and participation, lake inclusion standards, testing for nitrogen and lake protection from blue-green algae.

Andrew Medeiros rejoined the meeting at this time.

9.1.2 Operations Update on Previous Beach Season and Watershed Framework

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated October 13, 2022
- Workbook for Developing Lake Watershed Management Plans in Alberta

Elizabeth Montgomery, Environmental Professional gave a presentation on beach season closure data from the 2022 season, evaluation of HRM communication strategies regarding blue-green algae, initial plans for a Municipal Watershed Framework and possible effected stakeholders. Montgomery responded to questions of clarification from the Board regarding the timeline for water test results, consideration for migratory bird protections, sediment and erosion control in HRM, possible reworking of similar framework, shared responsibility with the province, lake biodiversity and usage types, general wastewater regulations and the overview and enforcement of local developments.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 10, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Eric Bowdridge
Legislative Assistant