



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
May 11, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Tony Blouin, Chair  
David Foster, Vice Chair  
Mimi O'Handley  
Stu Campana  
Martin Willison  
Susan Belford  
Ahmad Almallah  
Shalom Mandaville

**REGRETS:** Céó Gaudet  
Linzey Bedard  
Rebecca Parker

**STAFF:** Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment  
Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist  
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

*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 5:02 p.m., the Board adjourned at 6:59 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 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.

### **1.1 Election of Chair**

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

MOVED by Martin Willison, seconded by David Foster

**THAT Tony Blouin be nominated for Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.**

Blouin was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Martin Willison, seconded by David Foster

**THAT Tony Blouin be appointed Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Tony Blouin was declared the Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

Tony Blouin assumed the Chair.

### **1.2 Election of Vice Chair**

Tony Blouin, Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

MOVED by Martin Willison, seconded by Tony Blouin

**THAT David Foster be nominated for Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.**

Foster was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Martin Willison, seconded by Tony Blouin

**THAT David Foster be appointed Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

David Foster was declared Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 13, 2022**

MOVED by Stu Campana, seconded by David Foster

**THAT the minutes of October 13, 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 David Foster, seconded by Mimi O’Handley

**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 – NONE**

### **6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**7.1 Correspondence - None**

**7.2 Petitions – None**

**7.3 Presentations - None**

### **8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

### **9. REPORTS**

#### **9.1 STAFF**

##### **9.1.1 Proposed Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Board:

- Draft Regional Watersheds Advisory Board – 2023 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Shalom Mandaville, seconded by Martin Willison

**THAT the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board approve the proposed 2023 meeting schedule as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **9.1.2 Update on Penhorn Lake**

Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist spoke to recent sedimentation events at Penhorn Lake and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

##### **9.1.3 Bedford West Water Quality Monitoring Program**

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated May 8, 2023

Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist and Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

### **9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **9.2.1 Martin Willison: Watershed Mapping**

The following was before the Board:

- Presentation dated May 11, 2023

Martin Willison gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment, Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist, and Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Board. Wattie spoke to updated watershed data created by Halifax Regional Municipality.

The Board discussed passing a motion recommending the Environmental Sustainability Standing Committee request the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a staff report outlining the need for updated watershed mapping in HRM at a future meeting. The Board agreed to collaborate with staff to establish municipal versus provincial responsibilities and the long-term objectives of undertaking updated watershed mapping prior to introducing a motion. Staff agreed to provide further information on available watershed mapping at the Board's next meeting.

MOVED by Shalom Mandaville, seconded by Martin Willison

**THAT Item 9.2.1 be deferred to a future meeting of the Regional Watershed Advisory Board.**

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 8, 2023**

The Board discussed the possibility of hold future meetings in person. The Board asked Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant to poll members on their preference to meet in person or virtual.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald  
Legislative Assistant