



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
August 10, 2023**

PRESENT: David Foster, Vice Chair
Martin Willison
Shalom Mandaville
Ceo Gaudet
Stu Campana
Ahmad Almallah
Mimi O'Handley

REGRETS: Tony Blouin, Chair
Rebecca Parker
Linzey Bedard
Sue Belford

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m., the Board adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:08 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 8, 2023

MOVED by Shalom Mandaville, seconded by Ceo Gaudet

THAT the minutes of June 8, 2023 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 Ahmad Almallah, seconded by Ceo Gaudet

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 Province of Nova Scotia Meeting Update

Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist and Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment provided an update on their meeting with representatives from the Province of Nova Scotia regarding watershed mapping. Montgomery explained the Province had identified making watershed mapping more accessible to the public as a priority. Montgomery explained staff would remain in contact with the province and agreed to provide an update to the Board once action had been taken to improve the accessibility of watershed mapping. Montgomery and Wattie responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

9.1.2 Flood Mapping Update

Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment and Elizabeth Montgomery, Water Resources Specialist provided an update on Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) response to the July 2023 rainstorm event, speaking

to efforts by HRM to prepare for similar weather events in the future and responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant spoke to staff's decision to refer Ceo Gaudet's proposed discussion item concerning the Province of Nova Scotia's management of blue-green algae outbreaks in HRM to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC). Macdonald explained Gaudet was advised by staff to submit their item as correspondence to the ESSC.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 12, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant