



**REGIONAL WATERSHEDS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
October 12, 2023**

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

REGRETS: Linzey Bedard
Rebecca Parker
Ahmad Almallah

STAFF: Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment
Elizabeth Montgomery, Environmental Professional
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 5:07 p.m., the Board adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:07 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 David Foster, seconded by Martin Willison

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

David Foster was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Shalom Mandaville, seconded by Stu Campana

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

David Foster assumed the Chair.

1.2 Election of Vice Chair

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

MOVED by Shalom Mandaville, seconded by Martin Willison

THAT Sue Belford be nominated Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

Sue Belford was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Shalom Mandaville, seconded by David Foster

THAT Sue Belford be appointed Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Sue Belford was declared the Vice Chair of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 10, 2023

MOVED by Sue Belford, seconded by Mimi O'Handley

THAT the minutes of August 10, 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 Martin Willison, seconded by Stu Campana

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 Bedford West Spring Sampling Report

The following was before the Board:

- Staff report dated August 21, 2023

Elizabeth Montgomery, Environmental Professional spoke to June 2023 water sampling undertaken by Halifax Regional Municipality under the Bedford West Water Quality Monitoring Program and responded to questions of clarification from the Board respecting the program's sampling practices, the usage of floating wetlands in Kearney Lake and the enduring impacts of developments on watersheds.

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant spoke to the Municipal Clerk's Office minutes preparation procedure at the Municipal Clerk's Office.

9.1.2 Planning 101 Presentation

The following was before the Board:

- Staff presentation dated October 12, 2023

Stephanie Salloum, Principal Planner and Shilo Gempton, Planner III gave a presentation on how Board members could participate in the planning process through the Municipality's Public Participation Program for planned growth projects and the ongoing Regional Plan review. Salloum discussed amendments made to the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* through Bill 137.

Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment, Salloum and Gempton responded to questions of clarification from the Board.

It was noted that while the Board was unable to make recommendations on the Regional Plan as per the changes to the *Charter*, members could individually provide input to Regional Council on the Regional Plan review and other relevant planning projects through the Public Participation Program.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 14, 2023

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant