



**POCKWOCK WATERSHED  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2016  
10:00 am

2 Park Avenue, Lower Sackville  
Halifax Water Conference Room



**Attendance:**

Jeff Brown, Forestry Technician.....Department of Natural Resources  
 Barry Geddes, Watershed Manager .....Halifax Water  
 Rachel Gilbert, Manager of Planning Services.....East Hants Municipality  
 Dawn MacNeill, Watershed Planner.....Nova Scotia Environment  
 Anna McCarron, Source Water Planner .....Halifax Water  
 Tim O’Brien, Crown Forester.....Department of Natural Resources

**Guest:**

Heather Olivella, Protected Areas.....Nova Scotia Environment

**Regrets:**

Reid Campbell, P. Eng., Director of Water Services.....Halifax Water  
 Andrew Houlihan, Supervisor, J.D. Kline WS Plant.....Halifax Water  
 Cyril McDonald, Community Resident .....Mount Uniacke  
 Jillanna Brown, P. Eng.....Nova Scotia Environment

	<b><u>Action</u></b>
<p><b><i>1. Attendance / Introductions:</i></b></p> <p><u>Meeting called to order by Barry Geddes, Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to order;</li> <li>• Regrets were expressed (listed above);</li> <li>• Quorum noted;</li> <li>• Anna and Barry distributed copies of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Meeting Agenda.</li> <li>b. DRAFT September 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes.</li> <li>c. 2016 Lake Major Annual SWP report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><i>2. Old Business:</i></b></p> <p><u>Review of September 17, 2015 Minutes and Action Items; (see table on following page).</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes approved with no changes, except to number items in Action Item Table with page numbers only, rather than both the Action Item # and page # from now on, to avoid confusion.</li> </ul>	

Item Page #	Action Items	Delegate	Date Issued	Current Status
	Install watershed signs. Inform East Hants when signs are about to be installed.	Barry	Sept. 20, 2012	Action required.
p. 3	Bell Park Development Association to begin interpretive signage discussions. Cyril, Vice Chair of BP Committee will call a meeting to discuss signage. Update: Meeting held, all were in favour to support this initiative. <b>Update: Consider community input. Pending format</b>	Cyril/Barry	March 7, 2013; Update: March 5, 2015; <b>Update: Sept. 17, 2015</b>	Action required
p. 3	Provide opportunities for watershed awareness education activities. <b>Update: Contact DNR to discuss possibility of hosting Kids in the Forest at the Mount Uniacke Bell.</b> <b>Update: Add education to agenda for future meetings</b>	Anna/Barry	March 7, 2013; <b>Update: September 17, 2015;</b> <b>Update March 3, 2016</b>	Remove
p. 3	Halifax Water designating special constables to enforce Protected Water Area (PWA) regulations. Update: Halifax Water to attend special constable training date; tentatively November 2015. <b>Update: need to determine where MOU rests and its status.</b>	Barry/Reid	March 6, 2014 Update: March 5, 2015; <b>Update: September 17, 2015</b>	Action required
p. 3	Next MEH newsletter – November or December. Anna to contact John Woodford regarding submission content with respect to the laws describing what is allowed and/or not inside the PWA. <b>Update: Missed winter East Hants (MEH) Newsletter; prepare for fall 2015 Newsletter.</b> <b>Update: Rachel/ Anna to use content from Watershed brochure in next edition of newsletter.</b>	Anna/Rachel	Sept. 18, 2014 <b>Update: March 5, 2015 and September 17, 2015</b> <b>Update: March 3, 2016</b>	Action required
p. 3	For the next meeting have an electronic version of the Protected Areas Map available for the boardroom video screen for discussion purposes.	Barry / Heather	September 17, 2015	Action required
p. 3	Protected Areas consultation is closed for Pockwock Wilderness Area. <b>Update: Some education still needs to be done. Include piece on Wilderness Area in MEH newsletter.</b>	Rachel/ Heather	March 3, 2017	Action required
p. 4	Prepare new ToR draft that includes PAs through NSE as a member of the Committee for review at the next meeting. <b>Update: Not necessary as NSE is already named in the existing ToR.</b>	Barry	September 17, 2015	Complete
p. 3	Send detailed facts (fine, numbers caught, charges, cooperative effort, issues) of the charges laid in association with the OHV activity in the Pockwock PWA to Dawn MacNeill for follow up with NSE.	Barry	September 17, 2015	Complete

	<u>Action</u>
<p><u>Business Arising from September 17, 2015 Minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re Action Item: <b>Watershed Awareness and Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion of educational opportunities within the watershed for Kids in the Forest, and Open Forest Day to be held at Bell Park, concluded no parking area. Remove as action.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Updated Action item: Add standing education agenda item for future meetings.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re Action Item: <b>Appointment of Special Constable Status:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Training Date of May 2, 2016</li> <li>○ MOU in-house with Halifax Water awaiting final signature. Once completed it will be sent to NSE for signature.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Re Action Item: <b>East Hants Newsletter</b></li> </ul>	<b>Barry/ Anna</b>
<p><b>Update Action item: Rachel to use some of the SWP brochure content in the MEH newsletter.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re Action Item: <b>Public notification of Pockwock Wilderness Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Previous action item identified NSE to conduct public notification; however consultation process is complete.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Rachel/ Anna</b>
<p><b>Updated Action Item: Rachel and Heather to include Pockwock Wilderness Area in next MEH newsletter.</b></p>	<b>Rachel/ Heather</b>
<p><b>New Action Item: At next meeting, make electronic version of Protected Wilderness area available for the boardroom video screen for discussion purposes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re Action Item regarding ToR: <b>See New Business ToR on page 4.</b></li> <li>• Re Action Item: <b>OHV use inside the Pockwock Watershed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ List of details sent to Dawn MacNeill for illegal use of ATV in Pockwock Protected Water Area. Two charges issued equaling ~\$1800. No appetite to issue public announcement to media by NSE.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Barry</b>
<p><b>3. New Business:</b></p>	
<p><u>Annual Source Water Protection Report</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>SWP report reviewed. No outstanding issues other than ones listed above in action items.</u></li> <li>• Concerns expressed for water quality at PG5 as it is located outside of the Protected Water Area (PWA) and is of poorer water quality than other locations within the PWA. Related to increase in activities in the area with new development, forestry activities, etc... Continue to monitor and work with local municipality and NSE.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Deep Lake Sampling:</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New research program starting this summer (2016). Pockwock and other lakes are showing signs of lake recovery following the shutdown of coal plants along the eastern seaboard of the USA. High levels of organic matter are being</li> </ul>	

observed within the waters supply and pH is showing an upward trend, albeit small at this point. The study is looking at sulfur-dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) levels in the water due to atmospheric deposition to see the impact on water quality and microorganisms, and the water treatment implications may be for Halifax Water.

**Action**

**Terms of Reference (ToR):**

- Changes reviewed:
  - Motion made to change forest management to resource management in ToR sections 1 and 13.
- Existing ToR acknowledge NSE membership, so changes with regard to their membership is not necessary.
- Motion called and carried to accept changes.

New SWPP brochure discussion. Recommended changes will be taken into consideration.

**4. *Landowner Q&A:***

No questions

**5. *East Hants Planning and Development Update:***

**MEH Regional Plan Review**

- Minor development permitted within watershed area.
- Plan review is nearing completion. Plan review consultation is next month.
  - Lakeshore residential zone being added
    - Extra restrictions can be put on new development within PWA.
  - The Mount Uniacke Business Park is expanding. No new restrictions will be created. Development must comply with the existing Pockwock Watershed Overlay Zone.

**6. *Next Meeting:***

Sept. 29, 2016 10:00 a.m.

- Location - 2 Park Ave., Lower Sackville, Halifax Water Office

**7. *Adjournment***

11:30 p.m.

*Barry Geddes – Chair*

*Tim O'Brien – Vice Chair*

*Anna McCarron – Secretary*