



BENNERY LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. 2 Park Ave., Lower Sackville Halifax Water Office Boardroom

<u>Attendance:</u>

Trevor Creasor (TC), Subdivision Approvals	
Barry Geddes (BG) (Vice Chair), Watershed Manager	Halifax Water
Jan Jachimowicz (JJ)	Landowner Representative
Dawn MacNeill (DM), Watershed Planner	Nova Scotia Environment (NSE)
Anna McCarron (AM) (Secretary), Source Water Planner	Halifax Water
Heather Olivella (HO), Protected Areas Coordinator	Nova Scotia Environment (NSE)
Paul Parusel (PP), Brookhill Estates	Community Representative
<u>Regrets:</u>	

Absent:



Meeting called to order by Acting Chair (Vice Chair – BG).	Action
1. Attendance / Introductions:	
• AM distributed:	
<i>i.</i> Meeting Agenda; and<i>ii.</i> Draft March 2, 2017 Minutes;	
• Regrets expressed (listed above);	l
 It was noted by the Committee that the last meeting BM (NSE) attended was March 6, 2014. The last representative BM sent in his place was Steve Doucette who attended the September 17, 2015 meeting. 	
 As per the ToR approved in March 2017, two NSE representatives were named to the Committee. The Committee felt obligated to provide BM the opportunity to continue to represent NSE in one of the positions. 	
Action: BG to contact BM to see whether he wishes to continue to be an NSE representative to the Committee.	BG
• Quorum noted.	
Due to time commitments for some members, New Business item 3.a. moved up in the Agenda.	
2. Old Business:	l
a. <u>Review of March 2, 2017 meeting Action Items and Approval of Minutes</u>	l
Appointment of Special Constable Status (SCS):	
• Training completed week of May 2, 2016;	
 Allows Halifax Water to enforce <i>Protected Water Area Regulations</i> (<i>PWA</i>) under Section 106 of the <i>Environment Act</i>; and 	
 Halifax Water still needs to be appointed SCS by NSE; however, the MOU is awaiting NSE's signature. 	l
Action: BG to follow up with NSE regarding status of the MOU.	BG
3. New Business	l
a. <u>Private land PWA violation:</u>	l
• During the week of August 14, 2017, there was a report of a logging operation inside the Bennery Lake <i>PWA</i> off of Sky Boulevard. Upon investigation, it was determined that 26 acres was harvested inside the <i>Bennery Lake Watershed PWA</i> by a new landowner.	
• It was learned that the new landowner was in the process of clearing the land for development purposes.	
• A Stop Work Order was issued until a site inspection was completed which the landowner complied with.	

• Once the site inspection was completed, a clean-up order was given in which the new landowner complied.	<u>Action</u>
• The investigation is ongoing.	
Q: How long will this impact the process for the landowner to get a development permit from HRM? (JJ)	
A: It is understood that a development permit may not be issued until the investigation has been completed and all conditions are met. (BG)	
JJ excused himself from the meeting (2:45pm).	
b. <u>Election of Officers:</u>	
• BG, who was acting Chair since Kevin Warner left the Committee, was elected Chair; and	
• TC was elected Vice-Chair.	
Motion to elect new officers by PP, seconded by DM. All in favour.	
4. Municipal Planning Update	
Nothing to report	
5. Landowner Q&A	
Q: Are ATVs allowed to be used in the watershed. (JJ)	
A: The regulations allow for the landowner to use them for accessing their lands or for Halifax Water-related business and enforcement. (BG)	
• Complaint of potential auto salvage yard outside of <i>PWA</i> , but inside the HRM Protected Water Supply (<i>PWS</i>) By-law Zone and Bennery Lake watershed on Cindy Drive.	
• PP is aware of the property in question; the landowner restores old cars there as a personal hobby, not as a business.	
6. Education and Awareness	
a. Brochure distribution at Hartland and Cindy Drive residents:	
• PP confirmed that he delivered the brochures to his neighbors in the area and told them that if they had any questions for the Committee he would be happy to funnel them through to the Committee.	
<i>Q</i> : Were the public notifications, of the changes to the Bennery Lake Watershed PWA Regulations from 2013, sent to DM? (DM)	
A: AM retrieved public notices placed in the Laker and Chronicle Harold and provided copies to DM.	
7. <i>Next Meeting Date:</i> March 8, 2018 at 2:00 pm.	
8. Adjournment: 3:30pm	
Barry Geddes: Acting Chair Anna McCarron: Secretary	