



**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Mills Lake Watershed Advisory Meeting
Minutes
April 18th, 10:30am 2023
Sanford Council Chambers**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Attendees:

John Smith, Councillor District 9
Alex Dunphy, Planner West Hants Regional Municipality
Mike Allen, Department of Environment
Paul Taylor, Watershed Landowner Representative
Patrick Schofield, Watershed Landowner Representative
Bruce Atwell, Watershed Landowner Representative
Martin Croney, Water Treatment Manager
Karrie Ritchie, West Hants Regional Public Works Admin

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by M. Croney and B. Atwell to approve the agenda of April 18th, 2023.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by M. Croney and B/Atwell to approve the minutes of October 19th, 2022.

New Business

1.) **Watershed Update:** (See attached report).

Landowners Concerns:

- Bruce question restrictions on travel in the watershed...motorized boats, users vs landowners hard to police when you don't know if they are owners or family/friends of the land owners.

- Pat indicated that he had concerns about all the dead vegetation that could cause a potential fire when it's this dry.
- Paul asked about water quality and the influence of lake water to plant influence in which M. Croney explained how the chemistry of lake water to the plant can vary and the plants adjust accordingly to produce our safe drinking water. Paul also questioned the water that is released into the spill way, M. Croney indicated that minimal water is released from the spillway.

Next Meeting Date: October 17th, 2023, 10:30am

Adjournment: Moved by M. Croney and P. Scofield to adjourn.