HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

APPEALS STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 14, 2013

PRESENT:	Councillor Matt Whitman, Vice Chair Councillor David Hendsbee Councillor Linda Mosher Councillor Steve Craig Councillor Bill Karsten Councillor Gloria McCluskey
REGRETS:	Councillor Brad Johns, Chair Councillor Steve Adams
STAFF:	Ms. Tanya Phillips, Manager, By-Law Standards Mr. Scott Hill, Regional Coordinator, By-Law Services Ms. Laurie Lauder, Orders Assistant, By-Law Services Mr. Mark Prosser, Compliance Officer, By-Law Standards Mr. Kevin Hindle, Regional Coordinator License Standards & Taxi, Limousine Services, Municipal Compliance Ms. Shaylene Jeffrey, License Administrator, Municipal Compliance Mr. Randolph Kinghorne, Senior Solicitor Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that the minutes of September 12, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that the agenda approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 4. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNED BUSINESS None
- 5. DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES
- 5.1 Appeals None
- 5.2 Demolitions
- 5.2.1 Case # 209111 PID 00624718 140 Lake Loon Road, Lake Loon

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Supplementary staff report dated October 25, 2013
- Staff report dated September 26, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Appeals Standing Committee finds the property to be dangerous or unsightly as per section 3(q) of the Charter and as per section 356 of the Charter, orders demolition of the Dwelling, including but not limited to, the removal of all demolition debris, backfilling of any foundation or crawl space, and disconnecting any and all utility connections to the standard set by each respective utility service provider, so as to leave the property in a neat, tidy, environmentally complaint and safe condition within thirty (30) days after the Order is posted in a conspicuous place upon the property or personally served upon the owner. Otherwise, the Municipality will exercise its rights as set forth under Part XV of the Charter. Mr. Mark Prosser, By-Law Compliance Officer, provided an overview of the October 25, 2013 supplementary staff report, presented photos of the property and responded to questions of clarification raised by the Standing Committee.

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. BY-LAW M-100 – RESPECTING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES – None

7. ADDED ITEMS – None

8. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair turned the Chair over to the Legislative Assistant at this time.

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Appeals Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Councillor Matt Whitman be nominated Chair of the Appeals Standing Committee.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, it was:

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that nominations for the position of Chair be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Legislative Assistant declared Councillor Matt Whitman Chair of the Appeals Standing Committee.

Councillor Matt Whitman assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Appeals Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Councillor Steve Craig be nominated Vice Chair of the Appeals Standing Committee.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations. There being none, it was:

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair declared Councillor Steve Craig the Vice Chair of the Appeals Standing Committee.

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9. IN CAMERA

9.1 Personnel Matter – Appeal of Taxi Driver/Owner License Revocation

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the Appeals Standing Committee convene into In Camera to discuss a personnel matter – appeal of taxi driver/owner license revocation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – December 19, 2013

The next meeting of the Appeals Standing Committee will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 in the Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Krista Vining Legislative Assistant