

**CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**November 1, 2006**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Andrew Younger, Interim Chair  
Ms. Adriane Abbott  
Ms. Joan Hicks  
Ms. Sharen MacPherson  
Mr. William Barker  
Ms. June Buchanan  
Mr. Bill Mont  
Ms. May Lui  
Councillor Sue Uteck

**REGRETS:** Ms. Sally Camus  
Mr. Gary Russell  
Ms. Sheilagh Hunt

**STAFF:** Ms. Heather MacLeod-Baudelot, Community Developer  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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## 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

The following amendment was requested: September 20, 2006 minutes, Page 4, 11<sup>th</sup>. bulleted item - remove the three examples cited.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the minutes of August 29, 2006 and amended minutes of September 20, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## 3. Approval of the Agenda - Additions/Deletions

Addition:

6.1 Provincial Cultural Plan - Councillor Uteck

**MOVED by Mr. Barker, seconded by Ms. Abbott, the agenda as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## 4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes, Deferred Business:

### 4.1 Cultural Capital of Canada - 2010 Process

An e-mail regarding a Cultural Capital Proposal update from Councillor Younger had been forwarded to the Cultural Advisory Committee members October 3, 2006.

The Chair briefly reviewed the e-mail, and advised that in consultation with staff, he and Councillor Uteck believe it is best to defer consideration of a proposal for 2009, and work on it over the next year with a target of submitting the application for the year of 2010.

Some concern was expressed that the decision was made without consultation of the Committee.

Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot advised that Ms. Richardson indicated she would like to establish a working group in December, so that they would have the benefit of almost a year to work on the application.

The Chair advised that this will be added to the December 6, 2006 agenda.

### 4.2 Cultural Advisory Committee Vacancies

The Chair advised that the vacancies on the Committee should be filled by the next regular meeting in December. He then introduced Ms. June Buchanan, and Ms. May Lui. He noted that Ms. Lui was the Community and Race Relations Advisory Committee representative.

#### 4.3 Cultural Advisory Committee Chair

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Mr. Barker that Councillor Younger be nominated Chair of the Cultural Advisory Committee.**

Councillor Younger accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Chair.

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED** and Councillor Younger was declared Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Mr. Barker that Ms. Hicks be nominated Vice Chair.**

Ms. Hicks accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Vice Chair.

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED** and Ms. Hicks was declared Vice Chair.

#### 5. New Business:

##### 5.1 HRM Urban Design Task Force - Appointment

The Terms of Reference of the Urban Design Task Force was submitted.

Councillor Uteck explained that the Urban Design Task Force includes in their Terms of Reference a position on the Task Force of a Cultural Advisory Committee appointee. She provided a brief synopsis of the mandate of the Task Force and asked if anyone wanted to be the Committee's representative.

Ms. Abbott indicated she would be willing to serve as the Committee's representative.

**MOVED by Mr. Mont, seconded by Ms. Buchanan that Ms. Abbott be appointed the Cultural Advisory Committee representative to the Urban Design Task Force. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

In response to a question, the Chair noted that Ms. Abbott will report back to the Committee through the Chair.

##### 5.2 Culture Projects Update

- Community Art Pilot Project
- Facility Management Agreement Review
- Cultural Plan Funding Strategy

##### Community Art Pilot Project:

Information entitled, *HRM Community Art Pilot Project* was submitted.

The Chair advised that Ms. Holly Richardson was unable to attend the meeting, however, Ms. Heather MacLeod-Baudelot, who assists with the Cultural Plan, would lead discussion

on this item.

Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot elaborated on the Community Art Pilot Project, advising that it will be undertaken from November 2006 to March 2007. In her remarks, she noted the project will partner with key stakeholders in the Community and is aimed at reducing graffiti and establishing a youth mural art program. She also pointed out that the communities identified to launch the six-month pilot project are Sackville and Herring Cove.

Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot responded to questions.

Facility Management Agreement Review:

Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot circulated information entitled, *HRM - Facility Management Models*.

In reference to the circulated information, Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot advised that HRM has five facility management models when considering options to manage its facilities.

A discussion ensued and it was suggested that, as it relates to the Cultural Plan, the information could be referenced when developing criteria for including artists work in HRM's facilities. It was also suggested that consideration should be given to encouraging art work not only in HRM-owned facilities, but all buildings.

The Chair noted that this was an update item at this time, and that before there is any implementation, the Committee will deal with it as a specific agenda item.

Cultural Plan Funding Strategy:

The Chair noted that there are various accounts from which grants are funded and, currently, staff is undertaking an overall review of these, and they are also considering whether some of those accounts should have a cultural component.

**5.3 Cultural Plan Priorities:**

- **Overview: Cultural Policy & Short-Term Priorities**
- **2007-08 Business Planning**
- **Council Report/CAC Work-Plan Time Line**

Information pertaining to the *Short Term Action Plan of HRM's Cultural Plan* was submitted.

The Chair noted that part of the Committee's role is to assist with the development of the business plan. He outlined the budget process, and explained that the Committee will be providing input specifically as it relates to what its goals are. The Chair noted that the budget would be required to go before Regional Council for approval.

Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot indicated that today she was looking for feedback from the Committee.

Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot lead a discussion involving ideas for partnership development and leveraging.

There was general consensus that the Committee should first go out to the community and prepare a complete inventory of cultural groups and organizations before developing a priority list. Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot indicated that there was a list already created from the work of the former Cultural Advisory Committee, and she would provide this to the Committee.

The Chair pointed out that the purpose of the exercise Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot was facilitating was to ensure that when the budget is approved in April, it will include whatever is required to provide for appropriate staffing levels to manage and implement the Plan.

At 4:45 p.m. Councillor Uteck and Ms. Abbott retired from the meeting.

The Chair also advised that the Committee needs to establish its workplan for next year.

A discussion ensued and comments noted by some members that they did not have a clear idea of what is expected from them in their role as a committee member, and the level of involvement the Committee has in items brought before it.

In response, the Chair advised that before the next meeting he would meet with Ms. MacLeod-Baudelot and Ms. Richardson and they would provide clarification in writing.

## **6. Added Items**

### **6.1 Province's Cultural Plan - Councillor Uteck**

Councillor Uteck advised that she was quite surprised to see that the Province released a Cultural Plan and did not ask for input from HRM.

The Chair noted that he and Councillor Uteck would be meeting with the Minister of Tourism regarding their Cultural Plan.

## **7. Next Meeting Date - December 6, 2006**

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant