

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 25, 2012

- PRESENT: Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Eric Burchill
Mr. Geoff LeBoutillier
Mr. William Book
Ms. Joanne Macrae
Mr. Peter Moorhouse
Councillor Sue Uteck
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Peter Lund
- REGRETS: Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
- STAFF: Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator
Ms. Leticia Smillie, Cultural Planner
Ms. Kasia Tota, Community Developer
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Mr. LeBoutillier, seconded by Councillor Lund that the minutes of July 4, 2012 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Mr. Book, seconded by Councillor Smith that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/DEFERRED BUSINESS:

4.1 Discussion and Consensus - Procedure for Review of Community Comments

The Chair advised that in light of the amount of time it was taking to review the documentation in regard to the RP+5 themes, she felt that the Committee needs to come to a consensus on a way to go through the information more efficiently. She cautioned the members of delving too deeply into the details and noted that the Committee should be reviewing the tables and raising concern only on the points that they feel need to be addressed, and not carrying out discussions on items which everyone was in agreement with.

Ms. Corser noted that as staff are reviewing the tables with the Committee, and receiving feedback, it is being captured and the table is revised. Staff will bring back the completed, revised package to the Committee.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

5.1 Correspondence (3 submissions):

- OUR HRM Alliance, dated July 4, 2012
- Peggy Cameron, Black River Wind Ltd., dated July 4, 2012
- Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust, dated July 4, 2012

For the Committee's information, Councillor Lund noted that, at a recent meeting of Western Region Community Council, a motion was passed requesting that the issue of permitted MR-2 land uses within the HRM portion of the 40,000 hectare parcel belonging to Resolute Forest Products in the western region of HRM be referred to the

Community Design Advisory Committee and staff for consideration of this area as a resource only designation zone.

The Chair suggested that he work with staff to see where this might fit within the Committee's mandate.

At 10:55 a.m. Councillor Uteck entered the meeting.

5.3 Presentations: None

6. REPORTS:

6.1 Staff: (RP+5)

6.1.1 Changes to Project Schedule

A revised CDAC Forward Agenda dated July 12, 2012 was submitted.

Ms. Corser advised that additional time for the Centre Plan project is being allotted because of the change in approach that has to be taken due to the required legislative amendments not being approved by the Provincial Government in the spring. Also, she noted that with Mr. Fillmore's departure from HRM, in fairness to the new project manager, the person will need time to become familiar with the project. Ms. Corser added that staff now feel that with the additional time, there is the possibility of scheduling more public input and staff are considering the idea of holding a session for Halifax and Dartmouth.

With regard to the RP+5 project, Ms. Corser advised that staff are allowing for adequate time to go through the significant amount of public input. She added that staff will be looking for the Committee to hold a special meeting on October 10, 2012 to have key staff and a consultant present two studies the Committee.

Ms. Corser responded to questions.

In response to a question from Councillor Uteck with regard to the required amendments to the HRM Charter, Ms. Corser advised that staff plan to pursue these legislative amendments with the Provincial Government during the fall sitting of the Legislature.

The Chair suggested that if everyone was in agreement with the revised Forward Agenda that a motion be placed to accept it as presented.

MOVED by Mr. Leboutillier, seconded by Mr. Book that the Committee accept the Forward Agenda, as presented in the July 12, 2012 document.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.2 HRM is 'Sustainable' - Response to Community Comments

The Committee continued the review of the HRM is 'Sustainable' table that it began at the July 4, 2012 meeting, with staff noting revisions.

At 11:45 a.m. Councillor Sloane entered the meeting.

With the review of the Sustainable document complete, the Committee recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m. and began the review of the HRM is 'Liveable' document.

6.1.3 HRM is 'Liveable' - Response to Community Comments

A document entitled Theme 3: HRM is 'Livable'

The Committee began its review of the HRM is 'Livable' table with staff noting revisions.

Due to time constraints, the Chair ceased the review ending with page 6 and indicated that it would be completed at the next meeting.

6.2 Committee Members: None

7. ADDED ITEMS: None

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: August 1, 2012 – Bloomfield Centre

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant