

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

December 12, 2012

- PRESENT: Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair
Mr. Bill Book
Mr. Peter Moorhouse
Mr. Geoff Leboutillier
Ms. Joanne Macrae
Mr. Eric Birchill
Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Jennifer Watts
- REGRETS: None
- STAFF: Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning
Mr. Richard Harvey, Interim Project Manager
Ms. Kasia Tota, Community Developer
Ms. Leticia Smillie, Cultural Planner
Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator
Mr. David Lane, Senior Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Halifax Hall.

The Chair welcomed Councillors McCluskey and Mason who were recently appointed to the Committee, and round-table introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Book that the minutes of October 3, 2012 and October 10, 2012 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

7.1 Role of the Committee – Chair

The Chair advised that if the Committee were in agreement, she would like to deal with this item as the first order of business, to which **it was agreed**.

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

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/DEFERRED BUSINESS:
None**

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

5.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was submitted from the following:

- Frank Palermo, dated November 5, 2012
- Jen Powley, Our HRM Alliance, dated November 23, 2012
- Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, dated November 5, 2012

In response to a question concerning presentation requests to the Committee, the Chair requested the Legislative Assistant provide her with a list of the presentation requests for the next meeting. The Chair advised that in the new year she would like the Committee to consider how it wants to deal with presentations.

At 9:10 a.m. Councillor Watts entered the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Mr. Leboutillier that the Committee accept and table the correspondence and that in the new year the Committee will create an approach on how to deal with presentation requests. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Nicoll pointed out that the previous motion the Committee passed in regard to the Centre Plan Phase 1 – Change in approach and schedule is irrelevant because staff have indicated that they now want to proceed with the legislative amendments with the Province. She indicated that procedurally, this motion should be rescinded.

Mr. French advised that staff intend to brief the Committee on the Centre Plan Project at the December 19 meeting and he suggested the Committee may want to hear the presentation prior to rescinding the motion. A brief discussion ensued and the general consensus was that the Committee would hear the presentation prior to taking any further action.

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Role of the Committee – Chair

The Chair advised that when she read the presentation to Council on strategic priority outcomes that were submitted at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting, one of the outcome measurements stated, was that the Committee would make a recommendation on the public consultation aspect. She pointed out that when she reviewed the mandate and responsibilities of the Committee, she interprets that the Committee is not to monitor and advise on public consultation.

Councillor Watts noted that the budgeting process was beginning and she had concern that if the process the Committee was involved in wasn't carefully monitored, then key things may not make it into the budget. She added that Regional Council needs to take ownership of this matter and see it through, and it can only be done through the budget process.

Mr. French advised that the presentation to Council was designed to give Council some sense of whether staff is on the right track with Council's priorities, and that the details would then be worked out based on the broad directions. He added that the Regional Plan was the first item in the presentation and it was his understanding that the Regional Plan is a guiding light for all departments in term of preparing their budgets.

Councillor Mason noted that Council passed a motion in regard to the 13 goal areas, and that it will now be dealt with by the Finance and Audit Committee. He added that his concern was that the priorities will be set for the next four years and, therefore, won't reflect any revisions to the Regional Plan.

5.2 Petitions: None

5.3 Presentations: None

6. REPORTS:

- 6.1 Staff:**
- 6.1.1 Regional Plan Context**
- 6.1.2 RP+5 Policy Direction**
- 6.1.3 Next Steps for RP+5**

A PowerPoint Presentation was submitted.

Mr. French provided a presentation on the Regional Plan 5 year Review, highlighting the Regional Plan Guiding Principles, the key accomplishments, key changes since the plan was approved in 2006, key policy directions, and concluded with an outline of the next steps in the process from December 2012 to July 2013.

Ms. Macrae entered the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Mr. Burchill entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. French; Mr. David Lane, Senior Planner; Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment; Mr. David McCusker, Regional Transportation Manager; and Mr. Peter Bigelow, Real Property Planning Manager responded to questions.

The Chair then opened the floor to the members to provide feedback on the presentation.

Councillor Watts noted that there was nothing in the Plan under 'Energy'. In response, Mr. MacLellan advised there was a community energy functional plan, which is a parallel process and that it would be updated next year.

In response to a question by Councillor Watts, Mr. French advised that the proposal for undergrounding of electrical wires is for new subdivisions only. Councillor Watts advised that if it is deemed to be very expensive and if there are limited dollars, she would prefer that those funds be put toward mobility initiatives.

Councillor Watts also noted that she was concerned that under the Centre Plan, Transportation and Mobility are not seen as key aspects. Mr. Harvey pointed out that the Regional Plan is the umbrella over the Centre Plan and it is within the Centre Plan that issues of mobility along with a lot of other issues will be addressed.

Mr. Morley suggested that being able to measure the Plan is important, as is the financial side of things. Also, the end user is factor which should be considered in the Plan, and making it better and simpler should be an objective, i.e. simplicity of the Plan is crucial.

Mr. Leboutillier noted that the definition of 'existing road' wasn't clear to him and that staff need to come up with a clearer definition.

Councillor Watts noted that there was no discussion around food and food concepts.

6.1.4 Supplementary Information on Proposed Policy Direction and Consultation

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.1.5 Future Meetings

- Dec. 19/12: 1. Culture and Heritage Priorities (Supplementary Information
2. Centre Plan Project (incl. Centre Plan Phase 1)
- Jan. 2/13: Cancelled
- Jan 16/13: 1. Research Review
2. RP+5 Phase 3 Public Consultation and Communication
- Feb. 6 & Feb 20: Review of Draft Policy

6.2 Committee Members: None

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Role of the Committee – Chair

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 4.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – December 19, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant