



**COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 2015**

PRESENT: Fred Morely, Chair  
Gaynor Watson-Creed, Vice Chair  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Eric Burchill  
Joanne Macrae

REGRETS: William Book  
Councillor Brad Johns  
Dale Godsoe  
Peter Moorhouse

STAFF: Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design  
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Community Design Advisory Committee available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/CDACAgenda151216.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 1:10 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE**

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

Additions:

9.1 Councillor Watts - Educational Work around Centre Plan

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**7.1 Correspondence**

**7.2 Petitions**

**7.3 Presentation**

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 STAFF**

**8.1.1 Regional Centre Sub Geographies Study**

The following was before the Committee:

- *The Regional Centre Sub-Geographies Study*

Councillor McCluskey indicated that on page D6, the study should also include Banook Lake. She further noted that the study mentions Dartmouth High School and should also refer to Bicentennial School.

Mr. Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design, presented the Regional Centre Sub-Geographies Study and reviewed the following highlights:

- The study is a starting point and only public input will allow HRM to get the sub-geographies right
- A review of the sub-geographies is required to assist in determining the appropriate plan
- Significant areas do not have area plan to guide growth and equity of the plan

Mr. Ritchie reviewed the analysis and construction of sub-geographies and Identified the draft sub geographies. He went on to advise that the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, the Coast Guard lands e and the Lakeshore Subdivision will be included in the Centre Plan. He went on to review the District Comparison data found in the report. Mr. Ritchie noted that the high density area in the Regional Centre is found in low rise development unlike the Downtown and further that the Regional Centre is a 60% rental community and care must be taken to ensure that planning addresses the needs of renters and does not assume that there are only owners. Mr. Ritchie noted that data received through the Green Network Plan is and will be important to the Centre Plan. Completing his presentation, Mr. Ritchey provided an overview of the district comparison relative to motorized transportation, transit and active transportation.

In response to comments regarding the true area of concern being the north end of Halifax where there is significant development with little accessible green area, Mr. Ritchie noted that the Regional Centre includes some not so pretty aspects like highways and the Port. However, these are necessary to ensure the Centre continues to be economic driver.

Councillor Watts noted that in the North End there is a recognition of the value of industrial properties, such as Olands. She went on to point out that there is some tension between industrial use and residential use, but also between established residents and new residents in terms of what is supported in the community.

Mr. Ritchie reviewed the next steps with the Committee.

**9. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**9.1 Councillor Watts - Educational Work around Centre Plan**

Councillor Watts expressed concern that groups and organizations know what is happening around the Centre Plan. She advised that she planned to, in January and February, meet a group a day to ensure they are aware of the Centre Plan and to welcome them into to the development of the Plan. Councillor Watts indicated that she believed a personal and direct approach to educating the community on the Centre Plan would be worthwhile.

A discussion around possible methods of educating the community on the Centre Plan with note being made that a strategy to reach specific sectors needs to be developed.

Mr. Ritchie reviewed staff's work with the consultant's public engagement and this group noting that communications is putting together a promotional/education campaign that will be vetted. He went on to indicate that staff will be considering a meeting fairly soon to further define what the community is saying.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy  
Deputy Clerk