# DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES MINUTES

November 19, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor Dawn Sloane, Chair

Councillor Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair

Councillor Sue Uteck
Councillor Darren Fisher
Councillor Brad Johns
Councillor Barry Dalrymple
Councillor Robert Harvey
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Stephen Adams

STAFF: Mr. Rick Brown, Supervisor, Permits and Inspections

Mr. Sergio Grbac, Building Official, Permits & Inspections Mr. Jeff Rogers, Regional Coordinator By-Law Enforcement

Mr. Stephan Jedynak, Municipal Solicitor Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m..

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

#### Addition:

1. INCAMERA - LEGAL MATTER - 2001 Lawencetown Road

MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Johns, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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#### 4. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNED BUSINESS

## 4.1 M-100 APPEAL - 137 Ridgevalley Road, Halifax Case 110929

A report dated July 3, 2009 was before the Committee.

Mr. Rick Brown, Supervisor, Planning & Development Services, provided an update regarding the property to the Committee.

Ms. Bridgette O'Connell, from Pathways Housing Cooperative advised the Committee that HRM staff has not tested the mold. She advised that there is no report advising that the mold is dangerous. She noted that the property owner's remediation stated that this is a Class C mold. She added that the resident could have done more to stop the mold growth.

In response to a question by Councillor McCluskey, Ms. O'Connell advised that the strain and level of toxicity of the mold has to be tested.

Ms. Veronica Nicolls, tenant of 137 Ridgevalley Road advised the Committee that she moved into the unit two years ago. She noted that it was difficult to get ventilation into the home as some of the windows did not work and others had no screens. She advised that the mold started in the bathroom and spread to other rooms in the townhouse.

In response to a question by Councillor McCluskey, Ms. Nicolls advised that she reported the mold to the Cooperative.

In response to a question by Councillor Uteck, Ms. Nicolls advised that general contractors removed the mold in the bathroom although mold still remains in other rooms of the home.

MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Committee refuse the appeal and uphold the Order to Remedy Residential Occupancy dated May 11, 2009.

Councillor Fisher stated that the information provided by the property owner is not official documentation of a mold assesement.

#### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 5. APPEALS DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY NONE
- 6. DEMOLITIONS DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY NONE
- 7. APPEALS DERELICT BUILDINGS D300 NONE
- 8. DEMOLITIONS DERELICT BUILDINGS D300 NONE
- 9. ADDITIONS
- 10. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING Thursday, December 17, 2009
- 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Melody Campbell Legislative Assistant