

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
NOTES

October 24, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Terauds, Chair  
Mr. Mark Archibald, Vice Chair  
Ms. Deborah Larter  
Mr. Anthony Hannaford

REGRETS: Councillor Robert Harvey  
Ms. Emma Sampson  
Mr. Thomas Dawson  
Ms. Monica MacDonald  
Ms. Andrea Fox (absent)  
Mr. David Houlihan (absent)  
Ms. Susan Carroll(absent)  
Councillor Sue Uteck (absent)

STAFF: Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner  
Mr. Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. without quorum.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 25, 2012; August 22, 2012**

Approval of the minutes was deferred due to lack of a quorum.

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

The Chair advised that he would move up item 6.4.1 to be discussed first on the agenda, as staff had to leave early in order to set up for the public information meeting being held this evening on the same matter.

Addition:

8.1 Doors Open Halifax – Chair

The Committee members agreed with the agenda as revised.

**6.4.1 Case H00367 – Application for Demolition of a Registered Municipal Heritage Property located at 120 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth.**

For the information of the Committee, the Chair reviewed the process of a demolition application of a registered heritage property, and the Committee's role in this process. He advised that the public information meeting is held under the auspices of the Heritage Advisory Committee, and he would be Chairing the meeting which was being held this evening. The Chair encouraged all committee members to attend the meeting and noted that when staff submits their report to the Committee, part of the Committee discussion will take into account the comments heard at the public information meeting.

Mr. Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, circulated a fact sheet of information on the application and provided a brief presentation and responded to questions. In his remarks, Mr. McGreal advised that this application is about the demolition of a registered heritage property and the focus is on the heritage value and structural integrity of the building. He emphasized that this process does not include any discussion on a future replacement of the building, as that is a separate planning process. Mr. McGreal added that after the public information meeting, staff will prepare a report to the Committee and it will provide detailed information on the heritage value and structural integrity of the building.

Mr. McGreal invited members to contact him with any questions or comments they may have, and he encouraged everyone to attend this evening's public information meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr. McGreal for the information he provided. Mr. McGreal retired from the meeting.

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

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

**5.1 Heritage Conservation Districts – Process**

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, reviewed the process for establishing a heritage conservation district. He noted that the process is outlined in the Heritage Property Act and he circulated documentation outlining the ten elements of the process. In his remarks he pointed out that the South Barrington area is the next district being considered. He circulated a map of the area and reviewed that cope of buildings within the district.

In response to a question, Mr. Plaskett advised that part of the process will involve the Heritage Advisory Committee forming a Stakeholder Steering Committee after staff have prepare the appropriate background studies. He added that he anticipated having the background study on the South Barrington District to the Committee in the spring of 2013, and establishing the steering committee in the March/April timeline.

At this time, the Chair indicated that he would deal with the added item, as it was only a brief information item for him to provide.

**8. ADDED ITEMS:**

**8.1 Doors Open Halifax**

The Chair advised that a couple of weeks ago he was contacted about a program being formed in Halifax, call *Doors Open Halifax*. He explained that the program is Canada-wide and will be organized by a nonprofit society. The Chair added that the concept of the program is to have buildings of significance in Halifax which would not normally be open to the public, open their doors for one weekend each year. The Chair advised that he was approached to see if there was a role for the Committee to play in this event. He added that, in his opinion, the Committee's Term of Reference would not see the Committee being involved in an official capacity; however the Committee can offer its support of the idea. The Chair also noted that the organizing committee will be looking for volunteers and that, perhaps, as a personal interest, Committee members may want to be involved in this regard.

Ms. Larter and Mr. Hanniford spoke of attending *Doors Open* events in St. Johns' and Ottawa respectively, and both suggested that it would be a wonderful event for Halifax.

The Chair noted that the Society has indicated an interest in making a presentation to the Committee, and that it may be a good way of informing the Committee members of this new initiative.

At 4:25 p.m. Mr. Hanniford noted that he had another appointment to attend, and he retired from the meeting.

## **5.2 Barrington Street Heritage Conservation Incentives Program and Heritage Standards**

Mr. Archibald advised that this matter arose out of the Committee's discussion on the 2012/13 Heritage Incentives Report. He explained that he was uncomfortable with the degree of municipal money being used to subsidize new windows over historic fabric (wood windows) and that the only criteria to allow the property owner to do this is a letter from an architect stating that the windows are at a point of deterioration that they cannot be repaired. Mr. Archibald also noted that the staff report did not provide enough detail to say whether the work should be done or not, or whether it is upholding the heritage guidelines. Mr. Archibald added that there almost seems to be a separate standard for the funding program with the acceptance of vinyl windows. He also questioned the phrase, 'replacement in kind' and suggested that there was no definition of this phrase.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Plaskett indicating that the question for consideration is whether there should be more thorough analysis in the program and whether repair of windows be the preferred option over replacement.

## **5.3 Heritage Property Registrations – Discussion on creating a list of potential heritage properties for registration, and role of committee.**

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

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence:** None

**6.2 Petitions:** None

**6.3 Presentations:** None

**6.4 Updates from HAC Members – HRM Committees / HAC Sub-committees**

**6.4.1 Case H00367 – Application for Demolition of a Registered Municipal Heritage Property located at 120 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth.**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3.

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 Staff: None**

**7.2 Committee Members: None**

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 Doors Open Halifax**

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

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – November 28, 2012**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at. 5:00 p.m.

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