



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 25, 2015**

PRESENT: Mr. Jason Cooke, Chair
Ms. Aurora Camaño, Vice Chair
Ms. Emma Sampson
Mr. Scott Smith
Ms. Janet Morris
Councillor David Hendsbee
Mr. Brian Cutherbertson

REGRETS: Ms. Pascale van der Leest
Mr. Benjamin LeBlanc
Deputy Mayor Matt Whitman

STAFF: Ms. Shilo Gempton, Heritage Planner
Mr. Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Manager

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

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The meeting was called to order at 2:28 p.m., and adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:28 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Ms. Morris, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the minutes of October 28, 2015 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOVED by Ms. Camaño, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS- NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 Staff:

9.1.1 Case H00413: Request to Register 2263 Brunswick Street, Halifax as a Municipal Heritage Property

The following was before the Heritage Advisory Committee

- A staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2015.

Ms. Shilo Gempton, Heritage Planner, provided the staff presentation on the request by Regional Council to initiate a heritage registration of St. Patrick's Church, 2263 Brunswick Street as a municipal heritage property, on behalf of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation. Ms. Gempton explained that this application corrects an administrative error that occurred in 1982 when the property was to be registered as a heritage property, but by mistake, the adjacent property—the Rectory—had been registered. She noted that this error came to light earlier this year when the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation decided to sell St. Patrick's Rectory and found out that it had been registered as a municipal heritage property instead of the Church. Ms. Gempton advised that when the evaluation was carried out on the Church in 1982, the criteria was different, therefore staff are recommending the Committee review the

application and evaluate it based on the current criteria. Ms. Gempton lead the Committee through the scoring evaluation. The Committee scored the property as follows:

Property	Date Reviewed	Reviewer
2263 Brunswick Street	November 25, 2015	Heritage Advisory Committee

Criterion	Highest Possible Score	Score Awarded
1. Age	25	13
2. a) Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups OR 2. b) Important/Unique Architectural Style or Highly Representative of an Era	20	19
3. Significance of Architect/Builder	10	6
4. a) Architectural Merit: Construction type/building technology	10	5
4. b) Architectural Merit: Style	10	9
5. Architectural Integrity	15	8
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	10
Total	100	70

MOVED by Ms. Morris, seconded by Ms. Sampson

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the heritage registration; and**
- 2. Approve the registration of 2263 Brunswick Street, as shown on Map 1, as a municipal heritage property.**

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that it may be helpful to include the PID numbers in addition to the civic numbers when recommending registration, as it could prevent a similar issue from occurring in the future.

The Chair requested that when the application goes forward for registration, that staff include the PID number along with the civic number.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 SCHMIDTVILLE STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Update

Ms. Janet Morris provided an update from the Schmidville Stakeholder Steering Committee. She advised that subcommittees have been established to consider streetscape improvements and heritage grants and each will be establishing a public meeting to get public input. She added that the committee is

concerned about a recent amendment to the Heritage Property Act that has a provision that a property in a heritage district can be deregistered and demolished if it is determined the property owners cannot afford to maintain the heritage building.

Mr. Jacob Ritchie addressed the Committee and advised that last May the Province approached the municipality with a set of amendments for review. He noted that in 2008 the Municipality had proposed changes to the Heritage Property Act, but these were not reflected in the most recent amendments the Province put forward. He indicated that the amendments are before Law Amendments but staff cannot address the Law Amendments Committee without Council direction. Mr. Ritchie added that the Municipal Solicitor has been previously given direction by Council to speak to the Law Amendments Committee, but it was in relation to previous matters.

Mr. Ritchie advised that staff have carried out a review internally on Bill 118, amendments to the Heritage Property Act and can provide this information to the Committee, as a way to better understand the proposed changes to the Act..

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson

That staff provide their review of Bill 118, amendments to the Heritage Property Act to the Committee for the Committee's information only.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Further to Ms. Morris' update from the Schmidville Stakeholder Steering Committee, Mr. Ritchie advised that the Committee are discussing three issues and have formed subcommittees. The issues are: finance incentives for property owner; streetscape design, and density and building forms. He added that in January each subcommittee will be hosting a public meeting. Staff will forward the meetings dates to the Heritage Advisory Committee and he extended an invitation to all attend.

9.3 APPOINTMENT OF HERITAGE ADVSIORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE OLD SOUTH SUBURB STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEE

The Chair explained that Ms. Van der Leest was the Committee's appointee to the Old South Suburb Stakeholder Steering Committee, and that she has decided not to re-offer to serve on the Heritage Advisory Committee, therefore, another appointee needs to be chosen to be the Committee's representative on the Old South Suburb Stakeholder Steering Committee.

A brief discussion ensued, and **it was agreed** to defer this matter to the January meeting.

9.4 APPROVAL OF 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

The following was before the Committee:

- A proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Ms. Camano

That the Heritage Advisory Committee approved the 2016 meeting schedule as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 27, 2016

12. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, the Chair thanked all outgoing members for their service on the Committee, in particular to Ms. Emma Sampson for her service as a Committee member and as Chair of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant