



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 27 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Jason Cooke, Chair
Ms. Aurora Camaño, Vice Chair
Ms. Janet Morris
Mr. William Breckenridge
Mr. David Williamson
Mr. Dylan Ames
Councillor Hendsbee
Deputy Mayor Matt Whitman

REGRETS: Mr. Brian Cuthbertson
Mr. Scott Smith
Mr. Derek Bellemore
Mr. Benjamin LeBlanc (absent)

STAFF: Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
Ms. Shilo Gempton, Heritage Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Sara Knight, Solicitor

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 3:13 p.m., and recessed at 4:11 p.m. the Committee reconvened at 4:23 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT the minutes of March 23, 2016 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

10.1 851 Young Avenue – Application Process for Heritage Registration

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Mr. Ames

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Motion passed at March 23, 2016 Meeting RE Map 6 Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary MPS

The following was before the Committee:

- An extract of the Committee's March 23, 2016 minutes on this matter.

The Legislative Assistant explained that the Committee's recommendation from the March 23, 2016 meeting went forward in the form of a report for Regional Council. However, during a review of the reports for the Regional Council agenda by the Agenda Review Committee, the report was rejected as the recommendation was deemed to be directing Regional Council and outside the Committee's mandate as an advisory committee. The Legislative Assistant suggested that the Committee may want to reconsider the motion and suggest that Regional Council request a staff report on the matter.

A brief discussion ensued and there was general consensus that the Committee did not intend to exceed its mandate, and that the Committee believed their motion was a recommendation to Regional Council and was not directing Council.

Councillor Hendsbee pointed out that Regional Council does not have the authority to implement a moratorium, and that if it wished to do so, it would have to seek approval from the appropriate Provincial Minister.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Ms. Morris

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with regard to placing a moratorium on the demolition of buildings inventoried as properties which have potential for registration as municipal heritage properties or inclusion in municipal heritage conservation districts, as identified in the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, Map 6: "Heritage Resources", forming part of the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, pending consideration of, and incorporation of a strategy for preserving these buildings in the Regional Plan revisions (RP+5).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Mr. Breckenridge advised that he knows Alan North, who has been involved with the application for heritage registration of 851 Young Avenue and that he wanted to declare this to the Committee prior to any discussion the Committee may have with respect to this property.

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 H00412: Request to Register 2275 Brunswick Street, Halifax as a Municipal Heritage Property

The following was before Heritage Advisory Committee:

- A staff recommendation/information report dated March 23, 2016

Ms. Shilo Gempton, Heritage Planner, presented the application for a corrective registration of 2275 Brunswick Street, Halifax. She noted that the applicant is HRM. Ms. Gempton explained that in December 2014, HRM conducted a property transaction, transferring the subject property from municipal ownership to the City of Halifax Non-Profit Housing and, at that time, Legal Services notified heritage staff of an error in the heritage registration. The error was improper notification to the property owner at the time of registration. She added that, since the Heritage Property Act does not provide a process for corrective registrations, staff undertook a new registration process for the property.

The Committee reviewed and evaluated the application using the Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Buildings in HRM. The property scored a total of 52 points out of a possible 100.

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	15

3. Significance of Architect/Builder	10	1
4. a) Architectural Merit: Construction type/building technology	10	3
4. b) Architectural Merit: Style	10	3
5. Architectural Integrity	15	8
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	9
Total	100	52

SCORE NECESSARY FOR DESIGNATION

50

MOVED by Ms. Morris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend Regional Council

- 1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the heritage registration; and**
- 2. Approve the registration of 2275 Brunswick Street as a municipal heritage property.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 HCD STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEES UPDATES (Verbal)

9.2.1 Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee

Ms. Camaño provided an update on the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee. She advised that the last meeting was held on April 6th and one of the items dealt with was a matter deferred from the December meeting. Ms. Camaño explained that at the December meeting, the Stakeholder Committee reviewed nine properties to determine whether they should continue to be regarded as contributing heritage resource or not. One of the properties, 1284 Barrington Street had considerable discussion at the December meeting, and decision was deferred pending further research on the property. Ms. Camaño explained that there was a view that the building should be regarded as a contributing resource because of its age, with the suggestion that it was the oldest building in the district. Ms. Camaño added that the research could not verify how old the building was. As well, she noted that there was very little left of the original Georgian style of the property. She advised that the Committee decided that the property would be regarded as a non-contributing resource. Ms. Camaño advised that the Stakeholder Steering Committee has a meeting scheduled for this evening.

9.2.2 Schmidville Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee

Ms. Morris provided an update on the Schmidville Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee. She advised that the Committee met this week and it now has a draft plan. She noted that one of the issues the Committee is dealing with pertains to the definition of the District, and that it includes a couple of buildings on Brenton Street which have demolition permits. Ms. Morris added that the Committee has been considering how to save these buildings, and have made the decision to be non-confrontational and to try to work with the developer.

Ms. Morris noted that the next meeting of the Stakeholder Steering Committee is May 18.

The Committee recessed at 4:11 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 4:23 p.m.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 851 Young Avenue – Application Process for Heritage Registration

The Chair advised that the Rules of Procedure under Administrative Order 1 allow for the distribution of the information report from staff, but any discussion would have to wait until the Committee's next meeting.

The Chair added that the Committee members are aware of the concerning situation of 851 Young Avenue, however, under the Committee's Terms of Reference and Administrative Order 1, the Committee was restricted in what it could do. He explained that the Committee acts in an advisory capacity to Regional Council, and that Regional Council makes the final decision on such matters. The Chair pointed out that before the Committee could consider this matter, a staff report on the application is required to be prepared and submitted to the Committee.

The Chair advised that the issue of possible demolition of this property which has heritage value is very concerning and that the Committee may want to consider encouraging Regional Council to expedite the process for Heritage Registration.

The Chair also noted that if the Committee wanted to ask questions of clarification about the Information Report, notice has to be given today to place it on the next agenda.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the information report submitted in regard to 851 Young Avenue be brought forward to the next Committee agenda.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee refer this matter to Regional Council for consideration of expediting the municipal heritage registration process for 851 Young Avenue.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 25, 2016

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant