



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 25, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Jason Cooke, Chair  
Mr. Dylan Ames  
Mr. Brian Cuthbertson  
Mr. David Williamson  
Mr. Scott Smith  
Ms. Janet Morris  
Mr. William Breckenridge  
Councillor Hendsbee

REGRETS: Mr. Benjamin LeBlanc  
Ms. Aurora Camaño, Vice Chair  
Deputy Mayor Matt Whitman  
Mr. Derek Bellemore

STAFF: Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Maggie Holm, Planner III

*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 3:00 p.m. and adjourned at 3:50 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2016**

In reference to item 4.1 of the minutes regarding the Committee's motion from March 23, 2016 on Map 6 Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary MPS, Ms. Morris advised that she did not believe there was anything directive about the Committee's motion and indicated that the minutes should be amended to clarify that the Committee had no intention to exceed its mandate.

The Chair agreed with Ms. Morris advising that, what the agenda planning committee understood to be a directive from the Committee, the Committee viewed as a recommendation. The Chair questioned whether the Committee was in agreement to amend the minutes to reflect that it 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. There was consensus to amend the minutes in this regard.

MOVED by Mr. Ames, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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

**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 Mr. Williamson, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

At 3:07 p.m. Mr. Breckenridge entered the meeting.

Ms. Morris questioned whether the Committee could discuss heritage recommendations for the Centre Plan at a future meeting. Ms. Holm indicated that if the Committee wished, she could arrange a staff presentation on the Centre Plan project in regard to Heritage and Culture for the June meeting. The Chair asked that an invitation be extended to staff to provide a presentation at the June 22, 2016 meeting.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

Councillor Hendsbee noted that at Regional Council's May 10, 2016 meeting, Council approved the Committee's recommendation for a staff report in regard to Map 6 Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy – Moratorium.

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

Mr. Breckenridge noted that if the Committee were to make any decision in regard to the Old South Suburb he would remove himself from the discussion and vote because he recently had business dealings with some property owners in the Old South Suburb.

Mr. Williamson asked that it be noted for the record that the current property owner of 851 Young Avenue was a former school student of his.

Mr. Smith asked that it be noted for the record that he has personal friends who sit on the Young Avenue District Heritage Conservation Society.

The Chair noted that the item involving 851 Young Avenue on today's agenda is an information item, and would not involve any decision-making today.

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

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**8.1 Information Report submitted at April 27, 2016 meeting RE Request to Register 851 Young Avenue, Halifax as a Municipal Heritage Property**

The following was before the Heritage Advisory Committee:

- A staff Information Report dated April 26, 2016.

The Chair explained that when the item was brought forward last month, procedurally the Committee was not able to deal with it at that time, and it was brought forward to this meeting.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that the Committee's recommendation to Regional Council to consider expediting the heritage application for 851 Young Avenue went to the May 10, 2016 Regional Council meeting but Council did not approve the recommendation.

Ms. Holm advised that, although Council did not approve a recommendation to expedite the application, it did not direct staff to stop working on the application for heritage registration. She added that staff will continue to work on the application and expect to have a report to the Committee for the June meeting.

A discussion ensued and questions raised as to what the Committee would be considering as a heritage registration given that the current state of the building only has two walls remaining and that a demolition permit has been issued.

Ms. Holm explained that when the item comes to the Committee, the Committee will follow the usual process and will make a decision as to whether the integrity of the building is sufficient to score enough points. In this regard, if a positive recommendation is forwarded to Council then Council would have to make a decision whether there is sufficient building remaining to register it. In response to a question, Ms. Holm advised that there is no requirement to make someone rebuild a structure.

The Committee moved into a discussion concerning the motion the Committee passed in regard to Map 6 Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy – Moratorium. Earlier in the meeting Councillor Hendsbee noted that Regional Council approved this recommendation for a staff report at its May 10, 2016 meeting. Concern was expressed over the status of properties identified as potential heritage properties and it was noted that three buildings have been demolished and other properties were in jeopardy of being demolished. It was suggested that there was some urgency in having the staff report prepared as soon as possible, and the following motion was put forward:

MOVED by Ms. Morris, seconded by Mr. Smith

**THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends Regional Council expedite the request for staff report approved by Council on May 10, 2016 in regard to Map 6, Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 STAFF - NONE**

**9.2 HCD STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEES UPDATES (Verbal)**

**9.2.1 Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee**

Mr. Ames provided an update on the issues being discussed by the Steering Committee, noting that at recent meetings, Mr. Louie Lawen (Dexel Developments) provided a presentation on his proposed development on Barrington Street (1333-35 and 1349-53 Barrington Street); and the Committee held a discussion regarding the height framework for the District.

The Committee then entered a discussion about the Municipality's abilities in controlling demolition in heritage districts, and Ms. Holm advised that previously, Mr. McGreal and staff from legal services co-wrote a report on demolition controls. The Chair requested that Ms. Holm circulate this report to the Committee.

**9.2.2 Schmidville Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee**

Ms. Morris provided an update on the issues being discussed by the Steering Committee. She indicated that the draft Plan and Bylaw would be presented soon.

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 22, 2016**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant