

## HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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### HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 26, 2009

- PRESENT:** Mr. Stephen Terauds, Chair  
Ms. Susan Carroll  
Mr. Arthur Irwin  
Mr. Mark Archibald  
Ms. Carly Sorensen  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll  
Councillor Jennifer Watts
- ABSENT:** Ms. Lisa Miller  
Ms. Catherine Thibeault, Vice Chair (regrets)  
Mr. Adam Conter (regrets)  
Ms. Tori Jarvis (regrets)  
Ms. Margie Macdonald (regrets)
- STAFF:** Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Ms. Carroll that the minutes of June 24, 2009 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

At the request of Mr. Archibald, the Committee agreed to add the submitted information report to the regular agenda. There being no further additions or deletions, the Committee accepted the agenda as amended.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

5. **DEFERRED ITEMS:** None

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

6.1 **Correspondence:** None

6.2 **Petitions:** None

6.3 **Presentations:** None

6.4 **Updates from HAC Members - HRM Committees and HAC Sub-committees:**

6.4.1 **Urban Design Task Force**

The Chair noted that he was the Committee's representative on the Urban Design Task Force. He advised that there was a recent advertisement for positions on the newly created Design Review Board, and pointed out that there are spots available for the general public.

7. **REPORTS:**

7.1 **Property Matter: Less than Market Value Sale, 9 Spring Street, Bedford - Hospice Society of Greater Halifax**

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A staff report dated August 4, 2009 was submitted.

Ms. Peta Jane Temple, Team Lead, HRM Grants & Contributions outlined the staff report in regard to and Expression of Interest that HRM issued in July of 2009 to solicit an offer to purchase the property located at 9 Spring Street, Bedford. In her remarks Ms. Temple advised that only one submission was received in response to the Expression of Interest, and staff believe this is a result of the conditions of sale that HRM proposed on the

property.

Ms. Temple responded to questions.

A discussion ensued in regard to a suggestion in the staff report of increasing HRM's in-kind donation by taking the \$5000 the Society offered and having it re-directed into the fabrication of an outdoor interpretation panel which would explain the historical significance of the building. The Committee was in general agreement with the idea.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Mr. Irwin that, should the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend Regional Council approve the sale of the property at 9 Spring Street, Bedford, it recommend the sale price be reduced to increase the value of HRM's in-kind contribution and the \$5,000 offered by the Society be re-directed into the fabrication of an outdoor interpretation panel of a minimum value of \$5000 and to be completed within two years from the date of sale. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Ms. Sorenson, seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Heritage Advisory recommend Regional Council:**

1. approve the sale of the registered heritage property located at 9 Spring Street, Bedford
2. reduce the sale price to increase the value of HRM's in-kind contribution and the \$5,000 offered by the society be re-directed into the fabrication of an outdoor interpretation panel of a minimum value of \$5000 and to be completed within two years from the date of sale.
3. and schedule a public hearing.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Ms. Temple retired from the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

**8. ADDED ITEMS:**

**8.1 Information Report dated July 9, 2009 RE: Heritage Incentive Applications 2009 -10**

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Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, provided an overview of the Information Report regarding the applications staff received under HRM's annual Heritage Incentive Grants Program for 2009/10. In his comments, Mr. Plaskett advised that in previous years, the Committee would deal with a staff report on the matter, endorsing the recommendations that staff would bring forward. However, recently HRM's legal advice is that the role of the Committee is in an advisory capacity to Regional Council only, and not in advisory role to staff. He indicated that staff are currently discussing this impact with regard to Level, 1, 2, and 3 matters in which the Committee has been involved.

Councillor Watts suggested that the matter be put on a future agenda for discussion, once staff feel it is appropriate to do so.

At 4:03 p.m. Councillor Watts retired from the meeting.

At 4:09 p.m. Councillor Nicoll retired from the meeting.

Mr. Plaskett responded to questions in regard to the information report.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** September 23, 2009

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant