

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
Ms. Catherine Thibeault
Ms. Susan Carroll
Mr. Ryan Deschamps
Mr. Mark Pothier
Mr. Michael Cross
Mr. Arthur Irwin
Mr. Stephen Terauds

REGRETS: Councillor Bob Harvey, Vice Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Ms. Lisa Miller

STAFF: Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
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 Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the minutes of June 11, 2008, June 25, 2008, and July 3, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Information submitted by Mr. Clary Kempton - Chair
- 8.2 Demolition of Non registered Heritage Structures - Mr. Arthur Irwin

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 - None

7. **REPORTS:**

7.1 **Case H00223: Substantial Alterations to 1533 Barrington Street**

A staff report dated July 11, 2008 was submitted.

The following revised attachments to the report pertaining to exterior facade alterations were submitted: A2.0; A2.3

Mr. Plaskett, Heritage Planner, provided a presentation on the application by Annapolis Management Inc., partners with Ruby, LLP, for approval of substantial alterations to 1533 Barrington Street.

In his remarks, Mr. Plaskett advised that the building has outlived its original use and the new owner wants to convert it into a more usable space combining retail and office use. Mr. Plaskett reviewed the Heritage Building Conservation Standards evaluation of the proposal and advised that the changes that are proposed are in keeping with the existing building, and there is no reason to refuse the application.

In reference to the revised drawings (A2.0 and A2.3) Mr. Plaskett advised that the revisions lower the sill height on the windows on the lower floor in the reconfigured Locas Bar Space, and on the exterior this will increase the separation between the windows on the lower and upper Locas Bar Floors and is an improvement over the previous design.

Mr. David Garrett, representing the applicant, addressed the Committee and noted that the modifications proposed are needed for the reuse of the building.

Mr. Garrett and Mr. Plaskett responded to questions.

MOVED by Mr. Pothier, seconded by Mr. Cross that the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the alterations to 1533 Barrington Street as outlined in the July 11, 2008 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At 3:32 p.m. Ms. Holm retired from the meeting.

8. ADDED ITEMS:

8.1 Information submitted by Mr. Clary Kempton - Chair

The Chair advised that he and some other Committee members received information from Mr. Clary Kempton in regard to his concern about the number of historic buildings that have been demolished in downtown Halifax. The Chair suggested that the Urban Design Project would be the appropriate committee to address this information moreso than by this Committee.

Mr. Cross recommended that the Committee should forward the information to staff, with comment.

Mr. Plaskett indicated that he was aware of the information Mr. Kempton was circulating. Mr. Plaskett explained the registration process for a heritage building and noted that Mr. Kempton is advocating that HRM depart from this process and unilaterally register buildings that it feels warrant registration. He noted that this direction would depend on the Province changing its legislation.

A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed that this item would be dealt with at the August meeting.

8.2 Demolition of Non registered Heritage Structures - Mr. Arthur Irwin

Mr. Irwin advised that his item was related to the previous item, and suggested it be deferred to the August meeting as well, *to which it was agreed.*

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - August 27, 2008

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant