

**REGIONAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 16, 2009**

- PRESENT:** Mr. Fred Morley, Chair
Deputy Mayor David Hendsbee, Vice-Chair
Ms. Maija Warnock
Mr. Robert Batherson
Mr. Floyd Dykeman
Mr. Paul Pettipas
Ms. Carole Pelletier
Councillor Peter Lund
- ABSENT:** Ms. Alison Baker (regrets)
Ms. Margo Grant (regrets)
Councillor Gloria McCluskey (regrets)
Ms. Cheryl Newcombe (regrets)
Ms. Katherine Ruta
- STAFF:** Mr. Roger Wells, Supervisor, Regional & Community Planning
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Jill Doane, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fred Morley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m., without quorum present. The meeting was held in the Helen Creighton Room, Dartmouth Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

Due to a lack of quorum, the Committee agreed to deal with Item 5.1 CARSHARE Presentation at this time.

5.1 CARSHARE Halifax

- A written submission, dated September 9, 2009, from CARSHARE Halifax was circulated to the Committee at this time.

Ms. Pam Cooley, President, CARSHARE Halifax, explained the purpose of CARSHARE Halifax noting its success in other areas.

Deputy Mayor Hendsbee and Mr. Floyd Dykeman entered the meeting at 3:18 p.m. Quorum was obtained at this time.

Following discussion on the presentation, the Committee placed the following motion:

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Batherson, seconded by Mr. Paul Pettipas that the Regional Plan Advisory Committee request a staff report on HRM's plan to reduce the use of personal vehicles in the urban core of Halifax Dartmouth by employees of the Halifax Regional Municipality by exploring options such as CARSHARE Halifax. The report is also to include information on the following:

1. **The annual cost to HRM for taxis, rental/leased vehicles and parking.**
2. **Consideration and review of the Vancouver, BC By-Law Section 3.2.2, as presented by Ms. Pam Cooley, and staff's comment on that legislation in context to the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - July 15, 2009

MOVED by Mr. Robert Batherson, seconded by Councillor Peter Lund that the minutes of July 15, 2009, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 8.1 Information Item 1 - Membership Update - Mr. Paul Pettipas

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Batherson, seconded by Mr. Paul Pettipas that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 CARSHARE Halifax

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Cost of Servicing Study and Fiscal Health

- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was circulated to the Committee at this time.

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner, presented a verbal update on the Cost of Servicing Study and Fiscal Health matter. He noted that a staff recommendation report would be brought to the Committee for their October meeting in regard to three Secondary Planning Strategies for the Committee's consideration that would then be directed to Regional Council. Mr. Morgan provided a definition of Secondary Planning Strategies and the process leading to consideration for adoption.

During the ensuing discussion, the Committee raised the following comments, concerns and suggestions:

- that a separate, more detailed map be provided for each Secondary Planning Strategy in the forthcoming staff report.
- that the report contain some consideration of how each of the proposed Secondary Planning Strategies may impact the highway and how, or if, the Capital Cost Contribution policy would be applied. Mr. Morgan advised that the municipality was not permitted to fund provincially owned infrastructure, however; the municipality could assist with an interchange or road widening.

The Committee thanked Mr. Morgan for his presentation.

7.2 Request to Amend Regional Plan and Subdivision By-Law - Geldart Property, Westphal

- A report dated September 9, 2009, was circulated to the Committee at this time.

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Planner, presented the report.

During the ensuing discussion on the matter, the Committee raised the following comments, concerns and suggestions:

- That staff include more information/examples in the report on the following:
 - density type/style options;
 - potential future land use;
 - average lot size;
 - community sewer system;
 - old road right of way for area of Old Miller Road
- an extract of the Regional Council minutes, in regard to their debate on the Geldart property during consideration of the Regional Plan, be circulated to the Committee.

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Batherson, seconded by Ms. Maya Warnock that the matter be deferred to the October meeting pending receipt of the staff recommendation report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 Groundwater Assessment Project

- A copy of the Regional Council report dated April 9, 2009 on Water Service Area Extensions was before the Committee.

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Batherson, seconded by Councillor Peter Lund that the Groundwater Assessment Project be deferred to the October meeting due to time constraints. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Information Item 1 - Membership Update

In response to Mr. Pettipas' inquiry in regard to the volunteer re-application process, the Legislative Assistant explained that the usual process for re-applying to serve on an HRM Board or Committee would be for the interested volunteer to forward their application to the Municipal Clerk's Office by the fall of the year in which their terms would be expiring. Volunteer applications are available, and may be submitted, online through the HRM website at www.halifax.ca

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2009 to be held in the Helen Creighton Room, Alderney Library, Dartmouth.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Legislative Assistant

Legislative Support