

**CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 5, 2008

PRESENT: Ms. Joan Hicks, Chair
Ms. Adriane Abbott
Ms. Sharen MacPherson
Ms. Sheilagh Hunt
Mr. William Barker
Ms. June Buchanan
Ms. Sally Camus
Mr. Michael Cross
Ms. May Lui
Mr. Shalom Mandaville
Mr. Mohamed Yaffa
Councillor Andrew Younger

REGRETS: Mr. Gary Russell
Councillor Sue Uteck, Vice Chair

STAFF: Ms. Mary Angela Munro, Coordinator, Cultural Affairs
Ms. Karen Patterson, Cultural Assistant, Cultural Affairs
Mr. Andrew Whitemore, Manager, Community Development
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

The Chair noted that, following the last meeting Mr. Mandaville brought to everyone's attention the Committee had not been following the quorum count as laid out in the Terms of Reference. She explained that the Committee had been following the terms for quorum as contained in Administrative Order 1. She noted that the Committee's Terms of Reference states that quorum is 50 percent plus 1, therefore, quorum is 8.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Mr. Mandaville, seconded by Mr. Cross that the minutes of February 6, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Addition:

6.1 Public Involvement in the Committee - Shalom Mandaville

The agenda, as amended, was accepted.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/DEFERRED BUSINESS:

4.1 Public Art Policy - Ratification of February's Motion

- A revised draft Public Art Policy dated February 7, 2008 was submitted.

The Chair advised that since it was determined after the last meeting the Committee did not have quorum, the motion passed at the last meeting needed to be ratified.

At 3:12 p.m. Mr. Barker entered the meeting.

Mr. Whittemore noted that his intent with Policy 1.4 and Policy of 1.5 of the submitted draft Public Art Policy was to speak to how the planning policies will be used to achieve public art through private developers. He noted though, that until the planning policy is amended, they would be appealing to the sensitivities of the developers on this matter. He advised that he did not want to create an expectation that this can be done at this time. Mr. Whittemore added that, in reading these particular policies now, they may require further clarification.

At approximately 3:16 p.m. Councillor Younger, Mr. Yaffa, and Ms. Abbott entered the meeting.

Mr. Whittemore responded to questions.

MOVED by Mr. Mandaville, seconded by Ms. Camus that the Cultural Advisory Committee recommend Regional Council approve the February 7, 2008 draft HRM

Public Art Policy with clarification being provided on Policies 1.4. and 1.5.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2 Cultural Functional Plan 2008-2011

Mr. Whittemore advised that he had hoped to be able to provide information for this meeting, however, the internal processes that documents go through in order to be brought before the Committee often prove difficult to do so in a one-month timeframe.

He advised that he would have something for next month's agenda.

The Chair questioned if Committee members would prefer receiving their agenda packages by e-mail or through the regular mail. She suggested that the members contact the Legislative Assistant and let her know their preference for future mailings.

4.3 Cultural Capitals Designation - Update

Mr. Whittemore indicated that he had no update to provide on this item.

Councillor Younger noted that Minister Peter McKay invited him to a meeting regarding other issues this Friday, and should any discussion come up on the application, he would follow up with the Chair after the meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officer Memorial Information Report

An information report dated March 5, 2008 was submitted.

Ms. Sharen MacPherson, a member of the evaluation committee overseeing the memorial design competition, provided background information on how the Committee evaluated and came to the conclusion that the proposal submitted by the NSCAD Collaborative Design Group would best complement the Grand Parade.

A discussion ensued with Ms. MacPherson and Ms. Munro responding to questions.

There was general consensus that the Committee would provide comment to the Heritage Advisory Committee on this matter.

It was agreed that the Chair would forward a letter to the Heritage Advisory Committee noting that the Committee supported the initiative of a monument to fallen peace officers and the siting of the Grand Parade, but there is concern the study on the *Grand Parade Province House Area Joint Public Lands Plan (December 2006)* was overlooked during the siting evaluation, and that the current proposed location in the Grand Parade may not be the most suitable location for the monument.

At 4:30 p.m. Councillor Younger retired from the meeting.

5.2 Update Khyber/Alderney Gate Landing RFP

Mr. Whittemore advised that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, however no responses were received. He added that staff is re-thinking their approach, and he will bring back information to the Committee as things move forward.

6. ADDED ITEMS:

6.1 Public Involvement in the Committee - Shalom Mandaville

As a reminder, Mr. Mandaville advised that, at the workshop held a few months ago, the Committee had discussed inviting the public to make presentations as a way of trying to engage the public in the Cultural Plan.

Mr. Whittemore added that his recollection was that discussion was held on possibly developing a communication strategy of various types to engage the public.

The Chair advised that she did not recall the Committee agreeing to establish a particular event to engage the public but that there was discussion on communication packages as the Committee moved along with the Plan's implementation.

The Chair advised that this item would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for discussion.

Ms. Buchanan advised that it has been mentioned a number of times that HRM has a large collection of art in Dartmouth and she questioned if the Committee could get access to view it.

Ms. Munro advised that she would look into this and see if arrangements could be made.

The Chair advised that this would be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE - April 2, 2008

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.