

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 5, 2012

- PRESENT: Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair
Mr. Eric Burchill
Mr. Geoff LeBoutillier
Ms. Joanne Macrae
Ms. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Peter Lund
- REGRETS: Mr. Bill Book
Mr. Peter Moorhouse
Councillor Sue Uteck (absent)
Councillor Jim Smith (absent)
- STAFF: Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator
Ms. Leticia Smillie, Cultural Planner
Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. in Multi-purpose Room, Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Mr. Morley, seconded by Dr. Watson-Creed that the minutes of July 25, 2012 be approved. 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. Morley, seconded by Mr. Leboutillier that the agenda, as presented be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

The Chair advised that at previous meetings she had questioned if it would be possible for staff to provide an updated list of meetings and the issues that staff will have for discussion at those meeting. She added that this information would greatly assist the Committee members in their planning and scheduling of the meetings, and it would also be beneficial for the public to be know the upcoming topics the Committee will be dealing with.

Ms. Corser explained that in the coming weeks, more concrete information on the approach and planning of the Centre Plan will be coming before the Committee, and if the Committee is in agreement, staff will proceed with the Chair's request. Ms. Corser noted that staff will be able to provide more specifics with the Regional Plan, as well, once the Centre Plan approach and schedule has been dealt with.

Councillor Watts asked if there has been a decision made in regard to further public consultation around the Centre Plan.

At 10:45 a.m. Mr. Burchill entered the meeting.

In response to Councillor Watts, Ms. Corser advised that staff requires the approval of senior staff, i.e. the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer, of any changes to the approach and schedule of the Centre Plan, and, currently, this information is working its way through their offices.

The Chair requested that once the matter is dealt with by staff and the Committee, that staff provide the Committee a list of meeting dates/topics.

Councillor Nicoll entered the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

The Chair introduced Mr. Richard MacLellan, HRM's Manager of Energy and Environment advising that Councillor Watts had extended an invitation for him to sit in on the meeting.

Councillor Watts advised that as a member of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, she suggested to the Standing Committee that it should be kept up to date of the work this Committee was doing and vice versa, as there are issues that overlap both Committees.

Councillor Sloane entered the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

5.1 Correspondence

- Gwen Davies, dated August 1, 2012

5.2 Petitions: None

5.3 Presentations:

5.3.1 Greater Halifax Partnership – HRM's Economic Strategy and the Halifax Index

Mr. David Flemming, Economist and Project Development Specialist, Greater Halifax Partnership and Fred Morley, Executive Vice President and Chief Economist, Greater Halifax Partnership provided a presentation on HRM's Economic Strategy and the Halifax Index.

At 10:50 a.m. Councillor Lund entered the meeting.

Some highlights of the presentation are noted as follows:

- The Strategy goal areas are: Regional Centre, Business Climate, Talent, International Brand, and Maximize on Opportunities
- Chapter 5 of the Regional Plan is about the economy, so this is a direct connection between the Strategy and the Regional Plan.
- A lot of the Key Actions in the Economic Strategy have already taken place.

- The Economic Strategy recognizes that measuring success is more than just measuring growth.

The Committee entered a discussion with Mr. Flemming and Mr. Morley responding to questions.

6. REPORTS:

6.1 Staff: (RP+5)

6.1.1 HRM is 'Prosperous' - Response to Community Comments

A document entitled 'HRM is Prosperous' was submitted.

The Committee reviewed the document with staff noting revisions.

Mr. Leboutillier referred to 5.1 of the document and noted that the staff recommendation to the Committee is to amend the Regional Plan Principle #3, however, the Principle is not included with the document. He advised that the Committee needs to read Principle #3 in order to assess whether it agrees with staff's recommendation to amend it.

The Chair advised that this item would be tabled for staff to follow-up and provide the information to the Committee.

In response to concerns raised about the status of HRMbyDesign, current proposed developments, the mandate of the Committee, and how this all inter-relates, the Chair advised that there appears to be a disconnect and that this was something that the Committee needs to consider, and should be an item for a future agenda.

At 11:45 a.m. Dr. Watson-Creed retired from the meeting.

At 12:00 p.m. Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning joined the meeting.

A brief discussion ensued with regard to Metro Transit's plans and the document the Committee will be reviewing on Mobility, and **it was agreed** that when staff bring this document forward that it be the only document for that agenda for the Committee to review. It was also suggested that it may be beneficial to have Metro Transit staff attend the meeting in which the Committee reviews the Mobility document.

6.2 Committee Members: None

7. ADDED ITEMS: None

8. NEXT MEETING DATES:

- September 19, 2012 – George Dixon Centre, 2502 Brunswick Street, Halifax
- October 3, 2012 - George Dixon Centre, 2502 Brunswick Street, Halifax
- October 10, 2012 (tentative) Location to be determined.
- October 17, 2012 - George Dixon Centre, 2502 Brunswick Street, Halifax

Ms. Corser advised that staff will be bringing the 'HRM is Vibrant' document to the September 19 meeting; the October 3 meeting will have 'HRM is Mobile' document on the agenda; and the October 10 meeting is a special meeting to receive presentations on two studies

In response to a question from Councillor Watts, Mr. French advised that he anticipates staff will have an update for the Committee on the Centre Plan at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant