



**COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 26, 2015**

PRESENT: Fred Morley, Chair
Eric Burchill
Dale Godsoe
Geoff LeBoutilier
Peter Moorhouse
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor McCluskey

REGRETS: Gaynor Watson-Creed, Vice Chair
Joanne Macrae
Bill Book
Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll

STAFF: Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. and the Committee adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2014

MOVED Mr. Burchill, seconded by Councillor Mason that the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting of the Community Design Advisory Committee be approved as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

7.2 Update on Research and Documentation and Functional Plans re Regional Centre Plan

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Watts that the agenda be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentation - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Review – Stakeholder Engagement for Centre Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation entitled Centre Plan Engagement Progress and Stakeholders dated February 26, 2015.

Mr. Jacob Ritchie, Manager, Urban Design, delivered the presentation providing a baseline update on the Action Plan. He went on to identify the components and progress of Step 1 – Engage and Define noting that Stakeholder Outreach and Staff Working Groups/Technical Committees are productive but as of yet no public outputs have been achieved. Mr. Ritchie advised that he had been speaking with the Poet Laureate regarding community narratives. He pointed out that launching of the Online Portal has been moved to March and when the Committee meets in March the matter will be resolved. Mr. Ritchie noted that the Planning Workshops would be held in April.

In response to concerns regarding the amount of time that is passing without apparent progress, Mr. Ritchie committed to presenting the project plan at the next meeting of the Committee and provide an update at each meeting. He went on to indicate that he is confident that the project is moving forward and that concerns regarding the 'silo approach' have been identified and methods found to overcome this issue.

Councillor Mason noted that the Director of Planning and Development had recently presented the Planning and Development Business Plan to a Committee of the Whole Council and had committed to limiting vacancies to 5%.

Mr. Ritchie went on to note that work/consultations was ongoing on related projects as follows:

- Downtown Dartmouth Plan Amendments
- 5 year review of Downtown Halifax Plan – will be considered by the Design Review Committee in the near future and immediately before or after that will be presented in a public forum
- Dutch Village Road Planning Study
- Heritage Conservation Districts (Schmidtville & Old South Suburb)
 - the Old South Suburb has been considered by HAC, will be considered by the Design Review Committee at their next meeting and then on to Council
 - Schmidtville will be considered by HAC in March
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Referring to the Technical Studies which provide information to the Centre Plan Project, Mr. Ritchie indicated that quality data is being developed and will ensure that the policy developed will be effective in all areas of the Centre.

Mr. Ritchie asked for input from the Committee on how to engage the development community and what other stakeholder groups should be included in the list.

The Committee suggested the following be added to the stakeholder list:

IPONS

Halifax Cycle Coalition

CNIB

Halifax Universities in the land use category (include University of Kings College)

Atlantic School of Theology

Nova Scotia Community College

Port of Halifax

Capital District Health (successor body)

IWK

Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia

Alice Housing

Metro Non Profit Housing

Regional Housing Authority

Performing Arts Lodge

Khyber

Caring and Learning Centre/Tenancy Association

Shubenacadie Canal Commission

Homebridge

United Way

MLAs and MPs for the Centre Plan area

Take Action

North Woodside Community Group

Metro Community Housing

The Committee also suggested that Mr. Ritchie contact Volunteer Services as they are aware of numerous community groups within the municipality.

The Chair left the meeting with Ms. Godsoe assuming the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

A brief discussion regarding the role of the Committee identified liaising with elected officials at other levels of government as a key role for the Committee. The discussion also clarified that the Committee can assist with maintaining the focus of the Centre Plan Project and the broad consultation which is desired. The Committee can help with the telling of the story.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, March 26, 2015**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk