

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2005**

**Present:**

- Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
- Ms. Andrea Arbic, Vice Chair
- Councillor Dawn Sloane
- Mr. Clarence Butler
- Mr. Tom MacDonnell
- Mr. Paul MacKinnon
- Mr. Caley MacLennan
- Mr. Bill Meagher
- Mr. Bill Mont
- Mr. Mark Pothier

**Absent:**

- Councillor Sue Uteck
- Mr. Elias Metlej (Regrets)

**Staff:**

- Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
- Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Conservation District Planner
- Mr. Dan Norris, Manager, Culture and Heritage
- Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant
- Ms. Dorothy Amey, Administrative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. It was agreed to deal with Item 4 - Introduction of New Members and Item 5 - Election of Officers first on the agenda.

**4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

The newly appointed members were introduced to the Committee.

**5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant, called for nominations for the position of Chair.

**Mr. MacDonnell nominated Mr. Tom Creighton.**

**Mr. Pothier nominated Ms. Andrea Arbic.** Ms. Arbic **declined** the nomination.

Ms. Halliday called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, **Mr. Creighton was proclaimed Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee for 2005.**

Ms. Halliday then opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

**Councillor Sloane nominated Mr. Bill Meagher.**

**Mr. Creighton nominated Ms. Andrea Arbic.**

Ms. Halliday called three times for further nominations. Hearing none, a secret ballot vote was cast. Following the vote, **Ms. Arbic was proclaimed Vice-Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee for 2005.**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Bill Meagher, that the ballots be destroyed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Creighton assumed the Chair and the Committee returned to the order of the agenda.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 8, 2004**

The following corrections to the minutes were noted:

- C On Page 4, the first word in the last bulleted item should read "If" not "In" and the word "fee" should read "feet."
- C On Page 5, in the second paragraph, the phrase "finetune the applicant" should read

“finetune the application.”

**MOVED by Andrea Arbic, seconded by Paul MacKinnon, that the minutes of December 8, 2004, be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The following items were added to the agenda:

**10.2 Capital District - Urban Design Awards Committee**

Ms. Holm noted the Capital District is seeking a representative from the Heritage Advisory Committee to sit on the Urban Design Awards Committee. Mr. MacDonnell volunteered to serve on this Committee.

**10.3 Grand Parade Site**

Ms. Holm noted the Capital District will be issuing an RFP with respect to the Grand Parade site to deal with screening the two power boxes, parking, open space, etc. They are seeking a representative from the Heritage Advisory Committee to serve on the Stakeholders Committee. Mr. Pothier volunteered to serve.

**10.4 Correspondence - Save Our Shubie**

**C** Correspondence dated January 26, 2005 from Rhonda Totten, Save Our Shubie, was circulated to the Committee.

Ms. Holm read the correspondence to the Committee. Although the issue does not fall within the mandate of the Committee, she stated it does hold some merit. Therefore, Ms. Holm agreed to contact the Province and do some research on the granite.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE**

**4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

**5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

**6. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**6.1 Sub-Committee for Evaluation Criteria for Heritage Sites**

Ms. Arbic and Mr. MacLennan volunteered to serve on this sub-committee. Any other interested members are to contact Ms. Holm directly.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Doors Open Program - Betty Ann Aaboe-Milligan**

C An Information Report to Regional Council dated February 8, 2005, was before the Committee for its information.

Ms. Betty Ann Aaboe-Milligan, Heritage Tourism Officer, presented the report to the Committee and responded to questions.

Mr. Creighton suggested that Heritage Trust be contacted for further information regarding their existing tour program. Mr. MacLennan suggested funding should be provided to enhance this existing program rather than starting a new project.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that staff would look into the Heritage Trust program and either bring back further information or have representatives from the Trust appear before the Committee to discuss this issue further.

**7.2 H00154 - Substantial Alteration at 28 Clam Harbour Road (Memory Lane Village), Lake Charlotte**

C A staff report dated January 14, 2005 was before the Committee for its consideration.

Ms. Holm, Heritage Planner, presented the report to the Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Andrea Arbic, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the proposed new building to be located at 28 Clam Harbour Road, Lake Charlotte, as proposed in the staff report dated January 14, 2005.**

In the discussion of the application, Mr. Norris noted the proportions of concrete and wood shown in the photograph appear to be different than the proposed building. Ms. Holm agreed to check into this for clarification.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7.3 H00155 - Substantial Alterations at 5677 Inglis Street**

- C A staff report dated December 23, 2004 was before the Committee for its consideration.

Ms. Holm presented the report to the Committee.

**MOVED by Andrea Arbic, seconded by Mark Pothier, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend approval of the alterations to 5677 Inglis Street, as proposed in the staff report dated December 23, 2004. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7.4 Heritage Incentives - Winter 2004 Review**

- C A staff report dated January 14, 2005 was before the Committee for its consideration.

Mr. Dan Norris, Manager, Culture and Heritage, presented the report to the Committee.

Following the discussion of the applications, the following motion was put:

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Bill Meagher, that the Heritage Advisory Committee provide support for Table One: List of Recommended Heritage Incentives proposed by HRM staff with the exception of Ref. #'s 96, 105 and 107 which were deferred pending further information. Further, that the Heritage Advisory Committee provide conditional support for Table Two: List of Pending Heritage Incentives proposed by HRM staff, pending further review and approval as Level One Alterations. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. UPDATES**

**8.1 Barrington Street Conservation District**

- C Copies of *Barrington Street Heritage District Revitalization Plan, a Draft Planning Framework*, prepared by the Barrington Street Heritage District Steering Committee, were circulated to the Committee.

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Conservation District Planner, presented the report to the Committee.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Plaskett noted this is an on-going project and the plan is to

intensify the discussion, resolve issues and turn it into draft planning document over the next few months. It is intended that this plan will be before Regional Council in the fall of 2005.

## **8.2 Demolition Controls**

For the benefit of the new members, Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Conservation District Planner, reviewed the history of this issue. Staff have now taken the view to frame this as a discussion paper to be taken out to the community, rather than being something advocated by staff and the HAC. As a result of earlier work done by the Demolition Sub-Committee, it was felt there was a need to perhaps import the idea of strengthened demolition controls into a bigger picture of the need for an overall heritage management plan for HRM. Mr. Plaskett noted the report has become quite detailed and a third draft has been given to Mrs. Betty Pacey, Heritage Trust, for review and further discussion. He suggested that a symposium could be held in March to present the idea of improving demolition protection, the incentives package and the role of heritage preservation in the Regional Plan.

(Mr. Pothier and Mr. MacKinnon left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.)

Mr. MacDonnell stated there is a need to raise Council's awareness of the merits of heritage protection, and he suggested it may be worthwhile to have a training and awareness session.

To increase awareness, Mr. MacLennan suggested the merits need to be quantified so they do not appear to be coming from a biased source. Mr. Plaskett noted this is part of what needs to be done for the Barrington Street Conservation District.

Mr. MacDonnell noted it will take some time to go through the steps to get from where HRM is today to a modern heritage management plan. However, he noted there will come a time when Council will own this issue. Mr. MacDonnell suggested there are quite a few parties who would put money into a symposium, if it were to go forward.

## **9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Approval Information Letters**

Various approval letters were provided to the Committee for its information.

### **9.2 Extracts from Regional/Community Council Minutes - None**

### **9.3 Update to Heritage Matters Binder**

An update to the Heritage Matters binder was provided to the Committee members.

**9.4 Bill 81 - Amendment to the Heritage Property Act**

- C Correspondence from Jane DeWolfe, Deputy Mayor, Town of Annapolis Royal, to the Hon. Rodney MacDonald, Minister Responsible for the Heritage Property Act, dated January 10, 2005, was before the Committee for its information.

Ms. Holm briefly reviewed the correspondence, and it was agreed that the Chair and staff would formulate a response.

**10. ADDED ITEMS**

**10.1 Training Session for New HAC Members**

It was noted that an email will be sent to members proposing dates for a training session.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be February 23, 2005.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Patti Halliday  
Legislative Assistant