

**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 28, 2006
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Bob Harvey
Mr. Bill Mont
Ms. Dianne Marshall
Mr. Paul Shakotko
Mr. Mark Pothier
Mr. Clarence Butler

ABSENT: Mr. Paul MacKinnon (regrets)
Ms. Katherine Ashley (regrets)
Ms. Andrea Arbic, Vice Chair (regrets)
Mr. Elias Metlej

STAFF: Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - None

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Schmidville Streetscape Signage (oral)
- 8.2 Kelly Building update (oral)
- 8.3 Heritage-Related Definitions
- 8.4 Case 00876: Amendment to Development Agreement, 991 Beaver Bank Windsor Junction Cross Road

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - None

5. **DEFERRED ITEMS**

5.1 **Heritage Advisory Committee Appointments to the Cultural Advisory Committee and Urban Design Task Force**

Mr. Paul Shakotko was appointed Heritage Advisory Committee representative to the Urban Design Task Force and Mr. Bill Mont was appointed Heritage Advisory Committee representative to the Cultural Advisory Committee.

Councillor Sloane noted that she is the Councillor appointed to the Urban Design Committee.

5.2 **Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Sites in HRM - practice evaluation**

- C Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Sites and a report dated June 15, 2006 re: H00169 - 1135 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Beechville (Beechville United Baptist Church) were before the Committee.

Ms. Holm reviewed the June 15, 2006 report with the Committee, commenting that the Committee previously evaluated this site at the June 29, 2005 meeting and the site is being used at this meeting as an example for a practice evaluation with this form. The Committee

completed a practice evaluation of the site with the Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Sites in HRM form and the June 15, 2006 report.

The following suggestions were noted regarding the evaluation form:

- C "OR" should be added between 4 a) Relationship to Surrounding Area and 4 b) Community Value,
- C "documents" in the first and second lines of 4 b) be changed to "documented",
- C the 1786-1830 time line associated with 1 a) Age of Site be reviewed as it was indicated that the Shubenacadie Canal only operated briefly in the 1850's, not the 1830's,
- C the same time line appears on the Heritage Property Evaluation form, and should also be reviewed on this form.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Clarence Butler, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the draft Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Sites in the Halifax Regional Municipality, with suggested revisions. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At the request of the Committee, Ms. Holm indicated that there are no heritage incentive grants in place at the Municipal level for heritage sites, however, the Provincial government is considering that Provincial heritage programs may be better used for churches and institutional settings, including sites. She indicated that grants for heritage sites may fall under the HRM Community Grants program.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence received from the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia re: 6454 Coburg Road, Halifax, dated June 8, 2006

- C Correspondence from the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia dated June 8, 2006 was before the Committee.

This item was for the information of Committee members only, no action required.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Case 00900 - Discharge of Development Agreement, Jonathan McCully House, 2507 Brunswick Street, Halifax

- C A report dated July 5, 2005 on the above noted was before the Committee.

Ms. Randa Wheaton, Senior Planner, presented the report to the Committee, noting that this is an application by the property owner to discharge the Development Agreement between Salter Street Films Ltd. and the City of Halifax. Ms. Holm clarified that the roof and stucco of the building have already been completed, and the Heritage Advisory Committee approved the design of the fence at the last meeting. She further noted that this matter has already been before the District 12 Planning Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Mark Pothier, that the Heritage Advisory Committee:

- 1. Consider the proposed discharging agreement (Attachment A to the staff report dated July 5, 2005) in relation to the Jonathan McCully House at 2507 Brunswick Street pursuant to the Heritage Property Act.**
- 2. Recommend that Peninsula Community Council approve the proposed discharging agreement.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Schmidville Streetscape Signage

Councillor Sloane indicated that an open house tour of heritage homes in Schmidville, off Spring Garden Road, will be hosted by the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia in October. She noted that Schmidville is a possible heritage district, and the Heritage Trust is requesting formalized signage for Schmidville, similar to information signage on Tower Road. The Councillor indicated support for this initiative and commented that she is willing to provide funds from her District Capital Fund. She noted that the Heritage Trust has offered to help identify heritage districts within HRM and that other areas of the Capital District are also interested in signage for their areas.

Mr. Plaskett indicated that staff from Community, Culture & Economic Development, which he now works under, are currently working to formalize neighbourhood and area signage.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Clarence Butler, that the Heritage Advisory Committee support going forward with community/neighbourhood signage.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.2 Kelly Building, Granville Street, Halifax

Mr. Plaskett provided a brief update on HRM's attempts to prevent the demolition of the Kelly Building, Granville Street, Halifax. No action required.

8.3 Heritage-Related Definitions

C A memorandum dated June 28, 2006 was before the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the memorandum. No action requested.

8.4 Case 00876: Amendment to Development Agreement, 991 Beaver Bank Windsor Junction Cross Road

C A report dated June 9, 2006 on the above noted was distributed to the Committee, with photos of the proposed signage.

Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner, Planning and Development Services, reviewed the report with the Committee. Mr. Bone noted that the application is for two amendments to the existing development agreement - hours of operation and signage. He commented that hours of operation are not an issue, and went on to advise the following with regard to signage:

- C the signage is modeled after the Fultz House signage,
- C the signage is proposed to be 11' 4" high, constructed of wood, painted white, and lit from the exterior,
- C the main staff concern with regard to signage is scale,
- C the signage does meet the requirements of the Heritage guidelines,
- C the proposed signage is to include the name of the business painted with dark green letters at the top, and a reader board below with 7" block letters for advertising.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the signage, with the following comments noted:

- C signage for Fultz house is not located in front of the building; it is off to the right,
- C the signage should be shorter or further away from building,
- C the signage should be perpendicular to the building,
- C the signage is not of a heritage design,
- C consider fixing the signage to the side of the building.

Mr. Plaskett reviewed the six basic principles for signage as per the Heritage guidelines:

1. Design - keeping with the style, age, and character of the streetscape, for identification purposes, not advertising,
2. Materials and Construction - historically accurate,

3. Signage - size of signage scaled to pedestrians,
4. Colour - compliment existing colour,
5. Installation - wall signage fixed flat to building, or signage painted or etched on display windows,
6. Lighting - compliment architectural features of building.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Clarence Butler, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that that Marine Drive, Valley & Canal Community Council deny the proposed amendments to the development agreement related to signage as set out in Attachment "E" of the staff report dated June 9, 2006 and recommend that:

- 1. The scale of the sign be reduced,**
- 2. The sign be repositioned (preferably perpendicular to the road),**
- 3. A sign that is more complimentary to the building be designed,**
- 4. Advertising not be permitted on the sign.**

Mr. Pothier commented that the property owner is maintaining a business and must be permitted to advertise. Mr. MacKinnon noted that the property is not in a heritage area, it is at a major intersection, and that Fultz House is permitted to advertise on their similar signage.

Councillor Harvey indicated that Fultz House is permitted advertising on their signage as a way to raise funds for Fultz House Museum. He further noted that Fultz House is not a private business.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant