

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

April 24, 2013

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Mr. Marcel Parsons
Ms. Sarah Levy
Ms. Susan Carroll (absent)
Councillor Wayne Mason

STAFF: Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in the Media Room, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

The Chair advised that, previously, Mr. Phil Pacey had requested to provide a presentation to the Committee when it dealt with the Culture and Heritage chapter of the Regional Plan Review. He added that he would ask for a Committee decision whether to hear his presentation and, if agreed, staff would first provide a summary, followed by questions of clarification, and then Mr. Pacey would provide his presentation.

There was consensus among the Committee to allow Mr. Pacey to provide a brief presentation, following opening remarks by staff.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: None

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence: None

6.2 Petitions: None

6.3 Presentations: None

6.4 Updates from HAC Members _ HRM Committees/HAC Sub-committees

7. REPORTS

7.1 Presentation – Review of Draft Regional Plan, Chapter 7, Culture & Heritage

Copies of the Cultural and Heritage Resources Chapter of the Draft Regional Plan were submitted.

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, began his presentation outlining the key changes to the Chapter noted as follows:

- Heritage conservation initiatives are broadened to include cultural landscapes and heritage conservation districts in addition to individual registered heritage buildings.

- Integrates social heritage and cultural development objectives with built heritage conservation as established under the Cultural Plan.
- Positions culture and heritage as significant tools for identifying and making great places, fundamental for community engagement and community design in secondary plans.
- Identifies the need for a region-wide inventory of cultural assets including built heritage and cultural landscapes, cultural infrastructure, public art, and social heritage assets.
- Identifies the need to establish priorities and invest strategically in cultural development
- Establishes that a Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan will be undertaken in fulfillment of the Regional Plan, comprising an amalgamation of the Cultural Plan, Heritage Functional Plan, and Social Heritage Strategy.

Mr. Plaskett advised that the text of the draft chapter has evolved over the past several months and that much of the earlier text has been taken out and put in the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan. Mr. Plaskett provided an overview of each of the policy statements in the Chapter and responded to questions.

At this time, the Chair invited Mr. Phil Pacey to come forward to provide his presentation.

Mr. Pacey referred to the letter Heritage Trust submitted to the Committee and advised that he is concerned over the proposal to replace the Heritage Building Conservation Standards by the Federal Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada. Mr. Pacey added that the Federal Standards make reference to character defining elements and HRM does not have a list of character-defining elements for many heritage properties. He indicated that this has not been a problem in the past because the Committee makes decisions based on the Municipal Heritage Building Conservation Standards, which are more general. Mr. Pacey advised that Heritage Trust was recommending the Municipality adopt the Federal Standards as well as the Municipal Standards, at least for the next five year period, and staff begin to prepare a list of character-defining elements for each of the 470 municipal heritage properties.

In response to a question about the process, Mr. Plaskett explained that today's meeting was designed to present the Chapter to the Committee, and prior to the Draft going to Regional Council, it will come back to the Committee for ratification.

In response to a question by the Chair, Mr. Plaskett advised that he would look into what the intent of Policy 7.1.8 (Scenic Views), Ch-5a was and why it was deleted, and report back to the Committee.

In response to a question about whether staff would foresee any conflict to Heritage Trust's suggestion that HRM adopt both Municipal and Federal Standards, Mr. Plaskett

indicated that he did not, and advised that he has reviewed both Standards and finds that the Federal Standards are as equally general as the Municipality's.

The Committee entered a discussion on the Municipal and Federal Standards and character defining elements.

Prior to adjourning, the Chair advised that Committee members, if they wished, could submit their comments or questions with regard to the Chapter to him directly or through the Municipal Clerk's Office.

8. **ADDED ITEMS:** None
9. **NEXT MEETING DATE – May 22, 2013**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant