



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 24, 2014**

PRESENT: Ms. Emma Sampson, Chair
Mr. Jason Cooke, Vice Chair
Mr. Brent Ronayne
Mr. Reid Shepherd
Ms. Janet Morris
Mr. Chris Kingston
Mr. Benjamin LeBlanc
Ms. Shiva Nourpanah
Ms. Pascale van der Leest
Councillor Matt Whitman

REGRETS: Mr. Richard White
Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF: Mr. Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., and adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 25, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Mr. Cooke that the minutes of June 25, 2014 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, and the agenda was accepted as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7. REPORTS

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Case H00398: Application to Deregister Lot BH-2, a Subdivision of 99 Ochterloney Street (Henry Elliot House), Dartmouth, a Municipally Registered Heritage Property

The following was before the Heritage Advisory Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 12, 2014.

Mr. Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, presented the application submitted by Boris Holdings Inc. for the deregistration of Lot BH-2—a subdivision of 99 Ochterloney Street—to help facilitate the development of a seven-storey multi-unit building on the adjoining land, which was approved by Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council November 14, 2013.

In his presentation Mr. McGreal explained that under Section 16.1 B of the Heritage Property Act, Council may deregister a municipal heritage property for which the continued registration of the property appears to the council as inappropriate as a result of the loss of the property's heritage value. Mr. McGreal indicated that he believed this to be applicable in this case given the lack of defining elements in the rear of the building that currently opens onto a gravel lot. Mr. McGreal further explained that while the property has previously been subdivided into two lots, the heritage designation applies to the original parcel of land and the deregistration of this property is the final step in the approval process for the building development agreement previously approved by the Community Council. Mr. McGreal assured the Committee that Henry Elliot House would be preserved and maintained as part of the new development.

Mr. McGreal responded to questions.

Ms. Morris stated that she did not agree with the recommendation, explaining that surrounding the heritage property with development that is not in the same scale or design would detract from the heritage value of the house. She emphasized the importance of context in such matters and explained that while she does agree with densification, she believes it is incumbent upon the Committee and Council to look closely at such proposed developments.

Councillor Whitman questioned whether the development had the approval of Community Council and Mr. McGreal informed the Committee that it did.

MOVED by Mr. Jason Cooke, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Set a date for a public hearing to consider the proposed deregistration of Lot BH-2, a subdivision of 99 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth; and**
- 2. Approve the deregistration of Lot BH-2, as identified in Attachment A.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 8. ADDED ITEMS- NONE**
- 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 27, 2014**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Support