

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 24, 2004
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mr. Allan MacLellan, Chair
Mr. Tom Creighton, Vice Chair
Mr. Jim Trites
Ms. Andrea Arbic
Mr. Bill Meagher
Mr. Elias Metlej
Councillor Dawn Sloane

ABSENT: Mr. Mark Pothier (Regrets)
Mr. Paul MacKinnon (Regrets)
Mr. Dale Hall (Regrets)
Mr. Ralston MacDonnell (Regrets)

STAFF: Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Conservation District Planner
Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Dorothy Amey, Administrative Support

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Mr. MacLellan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 27, 2004

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Tom Creighton, that the minutes of October 27, 2004, be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

No changes.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Case H00150 - Proposed Addition at 58 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth

C A staff report prepared for Jim Donovan, Manager, Planning Applications, regarding the above, was circulated to the Committee for its consideration.

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

Several Committee members expressed concern about the number of changes that have been made to this building diminishing the heritage aspects of it.

Councillor Sloane stated she would have like to have seen consistency in the window style throughout the building.

In response to concerns expressed, Ms. Holm advised the Committee that the canopy and windows were in place at time of registration. Following a brief discussion, the following motion was put:

MOVED by Jim Trites, seconded by Elias Metlej, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to 58 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth, as proposed in the staff report dated November 19, 2004. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was agreed that staff send a letter to the applicant expressing the Committee's opinion regarding the direction of any future alterations and encouraging the applicant to apply for a heritage grant for window replacements.

4.2 Case 00668 - Development Agreement for 6247-49 Jubilee Road

- C A staff report prepared for Paul Dunphy, Director, Planning and Development Services, regarding the above, was before the Committee for its consideration.

Ms. Holm presented the report to the Committee and responded to questions.

Following a brief discussion, the following motion was put:

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Andrea Arbic, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Peninsula Community Council approve the proposed changes to 6247-49 Jubilee Road, Halifax, to permit professional offices for health care practitioners and a single residential unit. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3 Case H00151 - Proposed Alterations to 1869 Upper Water Street

- C A staff report prepared for Jim Donovan, Manager, Planning Applications, regarding the above, was circulated to the Committee for its consideration.

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, presented the staff report to the Committee and responded to questions.

During the discussion of the application, Councillor Sloane requested that a crime prevention environmental study done if the bridge is reinstated.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Elias Metlej, that the Heritage Advisory Committee, recommend approval of the alterations to 1869 Upper Water Street, Halifax, as proposed in the staff report dated November 21, 2004. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.4 Potential Sub-committee to Revise the Evaluation Criteria for Heritage Sites

Ms. Holm suggested that after new members are appointed, a sub-committee be struck to revise the evaluation criteria for heritage sites. The Committee agreed to defer such action until such time when the new members are appointed.

5. UPDATES

5.1 Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Conservation District Planner, provided a verbal update to the Committee regarding the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District. The following areas were covered in his presentation:

Basic Framework of Barrington Street Heritage District Revitalization Plan

- C **INCENTIVES** to encourage new investment in heritage buildings
 - C Federal CHPIF 20% cost sharing up to \$1 million
 - C Provincial \$1000 grants for conservation advice
 - C Municipal -**Current:** facade improvement program, alternate building code (for registered buildings) **Proposed:** awning grants, signage improvement grants, property tax relief for major heritage rehabilitation projects, bonus density, application fee waiver, alternate building code (for all buildings in district when established) conservation easement tax deduction

- C **DESIGN GUIDELINES** for conservation, alteration, new development, signs

- C **STREET IMPROVEMENTS** amenities, traffic calming, lighting, awnings

- C **MARKETING AND PROMOTION** Downtown Halifax Business Commission, Capital District

- C **PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS** demolition, new development, MPS and LUB

- C **ADMINISTRATION** permits, design review

Mr. Plaskett stated the revitalization plan is a work in progress and staff are working on the details of the basic framework. He noted that, in conjunction with the Carmichael Lecture, staff will make a presentation to all stakeholders on Barrington Street in early January 2005. It is anticipated that the plan will be finalized in the spring of 2005.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Approval Letters

Various Level 1 approval letters were provided to the Committee for its information.

6.2 Extracts from Regional/Community Council Minutes

None.

6.3 HAC Calendar for January - June 2005

A six-month meeting calendar was provided to the Committee for its information.

7. ADDED ITEMS

None.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 2004.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Patti Halliday
Legislative Assistant