

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

June 22, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen Terauds, Chair
Mr. Mark Archibald, Vice Chair
Ms. Andrea Fox
Ms. Monica MacDonald
Ms. Emma Sampson
Mr. Anthony Hannaford
Councillor Robert Harvey
Councillor Sue Uteck

REGRETS: Ms. Carly Sorensen
Ms. Tori Jarvis
Mr. David Houlihan

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in Halifax Hall.

Observers in attendance: Mr. Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust
Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, HRM Real Property Planning

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Mr. Archibald that the minutes of May 25, 2011 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition:

The Chair noted that he had circulated a letter from Mr. Pacey, on behalf of Heritage Trust, and advised that he would like to add this to the agenda for discussion as item 6.1, to which it was agreed.

MOVED by Mr. Archibald, seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / STATUS SHEET:

4.1 Business Arising: None

4.2 Status Sheet: None

5. DEFERRED ITEMS: None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

6.1 Correspondence:

6.1.1 Letter from Heritage Trust dated June 17, 2011.

A letter dated June 17, 2011 from Mr. Phil Pacey, Chair HRM Committee, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia was submitted.

For the information of the new members, the Chair advised that Heritage Trust as an advocate for Heritage Conservation has made presentations to the Committee on the most significant development agreement cases that come before the Committee.

In reference to the letter, the Chair added that Mr. Pacey has noted there are a lot of new members on the Committee, and he was requesting an opportunity to introduce the Heritage Trust to new members. The Chair advised that if the Committee decided it wanted to hear Mr. Pacey's presentation, then it could be added as an agenda item for the next meeting or whenever it is convenient for Heritage Trust.

A brief discussion ensued and there was general consensus to receive a presentation by Heritage Trust.

MOVED by Mr. Hanniford, seconded by Mr. Archibald that Heritage Trust be provided an opportunity to present to the Committee, at a time convenient to the Trust. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.2 Petitions: None

6.3 Presentations: None

6.4 Updates from HAC Members - HRM Committees and HAC Sub-committees:
None

7 REPORTS:

7.1 Staff:

7.1.1 Case H00357: Application to consider 5381 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property

A staff report dated May 24, 2011 was submitted.

The Chair referred to the staff report and advised that it was submitted in response to the Committee's request to gather information with the goal of assessing the building to see if it warrants registration of heritage property.

The Chair explained that this issue has been a topic of the Committee's for some time, and came about as a result of the approval of the new library and discussion about the plans for the old library. He added that, currently, he was not aware of any future plans for the old library, and that it may be helpful for Regional Council if the Committee could provide some guidance with regard to the heritage value of the property.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, addressed the Committee and explained that at yesterday's Regional Council session, a motion was passed giving staff direction on how to proceed with the Memorial Library, and Council requested that staff inform this committee about the content of the recommendation. Mr. Bigelow read the recommendation as follows:

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to explore in more detail municipal objectives and options related to the Halifax Memorial Library site.
2. Request that staff report back to Council through the Standing Committee on Community Planning and Economic Development.

Mr. Bigelow noted that Regional Council does not have a definitive plan for the library but ultimately it will be a decision of Council as to what happens to the property. He pointed out that there are some caveats with the property, the main one being a

conversion clause which states the use of the property is very specific, i.e. it is to be used either as a Park or Library and, if not, then it will no longer belong to the City.

Mr. Bigelow advised that because it will not be a public library after July 2014, staff brought forward a public process to determine the highest and best use of the property.

A brief discussion ensued and there was general consensus that the evaluation process the Committee would go through would provide information on the aspects of the building that are significant from a heritage and historical perspective, and that the registration of the property can sit parallel or separate to what eventually happens to the building.

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, provided a presentation on the Halifax Main Branch Library as outlined in the staff report, and responded to questions.

The Committee reviewed and evaluated the property according to the Evaluation Criteria for the Registration of Heritage Buildings, and scored it as follows:

SCORING SUMMARY

Criterion	Highest Possible Score	Score Awarded
1. Age	25	3
2. a) Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups OR 2. b) Important/Unique Architectural Style or Highly Representative of an Era	20	16
3. Significance of Architect/Builder	10	6
4. a) Architectural Merit: Construction type/building technology	10	7
4. b) Architectural Merit: Style	10	5
5. Architectural Integrity	15	12
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	10
Total	100	59

SCORE NECESSARY FOR DESIGNATION = 50

Designation Recommended? YES ✓ NO □

COMMENTS:

Criterion 2: The Heritage Advisory Committee evaluated the building as highly important/unique/representative of an era

Criterion 3: Points awarded in this category were for the Architect – seen as provincially significant.

MOVED by Mr. Archibald, seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that memorial elements be retained onsite where

possible (e.g. the stonework, the Winston Churchill statute, engraving) and be included as heritage defining elements. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Mr. Archibald, seconded by Ms. Fox that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that the main entrance and volume of the central hall be included as heritage defining elements. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Ms. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Hannaford that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council.

1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the application to register 5381 Spring Garden Road; and
2. Approve the registration of 5381 Spring Garden Road, as shown on Map 1, under the HRM Heritage Property Program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. **ADDED ITEMS:** None
9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** July 27, 2011
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant

The following information item was submitted:

1. Letter dated May 26, 2011 from David A. Wilson, Minister, Nova Scotia
Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage