

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

MINUTES

- PRESENT:** Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Bob Harvey
Mr. Mark Pothier
Mr. Michael Cross
Ms. Lisa Miller
Mr. Arthur Irwin
Ms. Catherine Thibeault
- ABSENT:** Mr. Ryan Deschamps (regrets)
Mr. Stephen Terauds (regrets)
Ms. Susan Carroll
Mr. Paul Shakotko
- STAFF:** Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the minutes of January 23, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

At the request of the Chair, **it was agreed** to switch the order of items 7.1 and 7.2 so that 7.2 would be dealt with first.

The agenda was accepted as revised.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

5. DEFERRED ITEMS: None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

The Chair advised that Mr. Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust, contacted him about a month ago with a request to make oral presentations on a number of items. He added that his suggestion was that the committee adopt a policy that the Committee not hear presentations unless the item has already been circulated to the Committee members and they have background information on it.

A brief discussion ensued and concern was expressed regarding presentations being made to the Committee on an item prior to the staff presentation/report being presented to the Committee. It was generally agreed that no presentations should be made in advance, and that they would only be heard when the staff report and any other relevant information was before the Committee for discussion

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded Ms. Thibeault that presentations by outside groups and individuals on applications which staff will be bringing forward to the Committee will only be considered at such time when the staff report is placed on the Committee's agenda. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.2 Petitions: None

6.3 Presentations: None

6.4 Updates from HAC members - HRM Committees and HAC sub-committees

Councillor Sloane advised that she attended a meeting of the Urban Design Task Force

this afternoon and noted that they will be contacting this committee to make a presentation.

7. REPORTS:

During the approval of the agenda, the Committee agreed to deal with this item at this time.

7.2 **Fallen Peace Officer Memorial, Grand Parade**

A staff report dated February 27, 2008 was submitted.

A letter dated March 6, 2008 from the Chair of the Cultural Advisory Committee was circulated.

Ms. Betty Ann Aaboe-Milligan, Cultural Officer provided background information on the Request for Proposals for the monument. She explained that seven proposals were received and evaluated by a committee and, of those seven, three were chosen for further development. She reviewed the elements in which the Committee considered in bringing forward the proposal and noted that staff visited the site to ensure it met with the future plans for the Grand Parade

Ms. Aaboe-Milligan advised that some concern has been expressed in regard to the impact of the monument on established civic events held in the Grand Parade and that the monument would be covered in a shroud during such events like the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree. She added that proposed location ensures that it will not interfere with these events, and in regard to the shrouding of the monument, the Peace Officers group have no difficulty with it being shrouded for such occasions.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, using a computer-generated model, provided illustrations of the monument in the Grand Parade as it would relate to the elements surrounding it, and during events that requiring staging. He noted that some site lines will be impacted for some events, but it would be fine for the Christmas tree lighting.

The Committee entered a lengthy discussion regarding the staff recommendation to approve the site in the Grand Parade for installation of the Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officer's Memorial. The following suggestions/comments/concerns were noted:

- concern was expressed in regard to the siting of the monument as it may be required to be moved in the future if the Grand Parade goes through a reconfiguration.
- a suggestion was put forward that a type of Nova Scotia stone be used for the top of the monument.
- the monument looks cluttered with the flagpole and obstructs the viewplane.
- a location at Province House would be more suitable where the monument is a Provincial monument - - it was further suggested that the parking lot at Province

House could be reverted to a park and the monument situated there.

- from a heritage point of view, it is difficult to find the rationale to support the location of the Grand Parade.
- the architecture of the monument is more representative of Citadel Hill than the Grand Parade.
- it was noted that the letter submitted by the Cultural Advisory Committee was opposed to the siting for the following reasons:
 - it is inconsistent with the Plan of the Grand Parade which called for the leveling of the space on Grand Parade rather than raising new obstacles
 - expressed concern about the size and scale of the monument;
 - felt the monument did not fit the aesthetic or architecture of the site
- in addition to Province House, other suggestions for alternate locations were the new library or the new justice centre.
- believe the structure is beautiful and the proposed location makes sense.
- doubtful of the location; assumed it would be on the periphery of the Grand Parade; do not like the way a stage will crowd the monument and feel it is disrespectful to the monument; would be more comfortable if the monument were not as large and if it were not in the middle of the Grand Parade.
- the Grand Parade is more of a park-like setting, not a military-type of setting; cannot support it the way it is.

At the request of Ms. Holm, the Chair agreed to allow Ms. Cynthia Chouinard, a member of the Fallen Peace Officers Monument project to speak to the Committee in support of the staff recommendation.

Staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Ms. Thibeault, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the Heritage Advisory Committee recognizes immense value of the Monument to Fallen Peace Officers and agree that it should be in the Grand Parade, but that it be sent back for an alternate siting location. MOTION WAS PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Mr. Pothier, seconded by Mr. Cross that the Heritage Advisory Committee accept the staff recommendation to approve the site in the Grand Parade for installation of the Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officer's Memorial, as described in the February 27, 2008 staff report. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Thibeault that the Heritage Advisory Committee does not approve the proposed site for the monument to Fallen Peace Officers as recommended in the staff report dated February 27, 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1 Case H00215: Substantial Alteration to 5438 Clam Harbour Road, Lake Charlotte

A staff report dated January 24, 2008 was submitted.

Ms. Maggie Holm , Heritage Planner, provided a review of the application by the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society to request approval of a new building to be constructed on the site known as Memory Lane Heritage Village located at 5438 Clam Harbour Road, Lake Charlotte, a municipally registered heritage site.

MOVED by Mr. Cross, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend Regional Council approve the substantial alteration as outlined in the January 24, 2008 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS:

Ms. Holm advised that the Province has recently released its Heritage Strategy for Nova Scotia, and that she would send out the Web link to Committee members.

Ms. Holm also noted that she attended the Heritage Officers Conference in Yarmouth last week, and learned that a review of the Heritage Act will begin in April.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - April 23, 2008

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant

Information Items:

- Correspondence to Heritage Property Owners