



**SCHMIDTVILLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. William Breckenridge  
Ms. Mary E. Donovan  
Mr. Larry Haiven, Chair  
Ms. Kristina Chapman  
Ms. Beverly Miller  
Ms. Janet Morris

REGRETS: Mr. Lyndon Watkins  
Mr. Benjamin LeBlanc

STAFF: Mr. Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, Halifax Regional Municipality

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*Supporting documents and information items are available online:*

<http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/schmidville>.

**Schmidville HCD Stakeholder Steering Committee**  
**February 22, 2016**

Mr. Haiven called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Spencer House. He explained the purpose of the meeting to identify issues and opportunities arising from the recent workshops in January before municipal staff begin drafting the Plan and Bylaw for the Heritage Conservation District.

Mr. McGreal explained that the Plan will have three main programs: 1) a financial incentives program; 2) a public realm improvement program; and 3) a regulatory program. The Heritage Bylaw is only concerned with the regulatory program and it will serve to implement it. The Stakeholder Committee will submit the Plan and Bylaw to the municipality after the community consultation phase is complete. The Heritage Advisory Committee will then review the Plan and Bylaw before submitting it to Regional Council. The Design Review Committee will only be involved if there are proposed changes to the Downtown Halifax Plan or Land Use Bylaw.

Mr. McGreal explained that there is a recommendation from the HRM Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee going before Regional Council on February 23, 2016, to consider asking the Province for legislative authority in the Heritage Property Act that would allow municipalities to adopt bylaws to identify and suspend certain types of development in areas during the process to establish a Heritage Conservation District in the area.

Mr. McGreal related that NSLC real estate department advised that NSLC is investing in the Clyde Street liquor store property as a corporate asset and it should be maintained in the long term.

The Committee discussed several broad opportunities for the Plan:

- Encourage dense community living space;
- Encourage retention of existing small businesses;
- Encourage high quality outdoor space in Schmidville;
- Encourage sustainability of long term residents by preserving residential use and character;
- Manage the evolution of institutional space and park space south of Morris Street;
- Consider mixed use commercial/residential area on the south side of Clyde Street;
- Manage parking and traffic issues in Schmidville.

Mr. McGreal explained that the next step is for staff to prepare a first draft of the Plan and Bylaw over the next few months. The Committee agreed that Mr. McGreal would provide updates on the development of the documents over the coming months.

Meeting adjourned.