

**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 28, 2005**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair  
Ms. Andrea Arbic, Vice Chair  
Councillor Dawn Sloane  
Mr. Paul MacKinnon  
Mr. Mark Pothier  
Mr. Bill Mont  
Mr. Elias Metlej  
Mr. Bill Meagher  
Mr. Ralston MacDonnell

**REGRETS:**

Councillor Harvey  
Mr. Clarence Butler

**STAFF & OTHERS:**

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner  
Ms. Dorothy Amey, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Stephanie Parsons, Legislative Assistant  
Mr. Graeme Duffus, G.F. Duffus & Company Limited  
Dr. Patricia Calkin, Presbyterian Church of St. David  
Mr. Mac MacKay, Presbyterian Church of St. David

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:08.

The Chair advised that copies of the Heritage Canada Foundation Magazine are available for members to sign out from Ms. Holm.

The Chair advised the Committee that the deadline for applications for membership on HRM Boards and Committees has been extended to October 15, 2005.

**1.      APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 24, 2005**

**MOVED BY Mr. Meagher, seconded by Mr. Mont, that the minutes of August 24, 2005, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Addition:      8.1.      Grand Parade Committee

The agenda was accepted as amended.

**3.      BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE**

**4.      DEFERRED ITEMS**

**4.1      H00153 - Application for the De-Registration of 78 Shore Road, Dartmouth**

- A staff report dated May 11, 2005 was previously circulated to the Committee.
- A report dated September 21, 2005 from G.F Duffus & company Ltd. was circulated to the Committee for discussion.

Mr. Grame Duffus advised that he completed an inspection of the structural condition of the house. He advised that he met with Mr. Fortune and Ms. Lovette (the applicants) on August 17, 2005, who had advised that they relied on a building inspection that was done before they purchased the property. The report did not indicate that there were any serious issues. Mr. Duffus noted the scope of the work and noted the following:

- the sills are in good condition
- there is a lot of pressure on the foundation wall, the repair of the wall is seriously compromised
- the exterior of the chimneys is stable
- the main floor slopes dramatically

Mr. Duffus reviewed the options for stabilization as per page 5 of the G.F. Duffus & Company Report. Mr. Duffus further commented that it is his opinion that options two and three are the most viable options.

Ms. Holm advised the Committee that staff has not consulted with the applicant in regards to the report as staff and the applicant have just received the report.

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. MacDonnell that the Heritage Advisory Committee defer application H00153 until staff has reviewed the report with the applicant. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5.      CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1    Heritage Incentive Grant Applications**

- A staff report dated September 14, 2005 was before the Committee for discussion.

Ms. Maggie Holm reviewed the applications as outlined in the staff report dated September 14, 2005.

**MOVED by Ms. Arbic, seconded by Mr. MacKinnon, that the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the following applications as outlined in the staff report dated September 14, 2005:**

- 1.      Application #135 for a cost \$552.00.**
- 2.      Application #137 at 50% of cost up to \$1,500 with paid receipts.**
- 3.      Application #140 at 50% of cost up to \$5,000 with paid receipts.**
- 4.      Application #142 at 50% of cost up to \$5,000 with paid receipts.**
- 5.      Application #139 at 50% of cost up to \$5,000 with paid receipts.**
- 6.      Application #141 at 50% of cost up to \$10,000.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Maggie Holm advised that applications #136 and #138 are not recommended as they do not meet program criteria. The criterion states that the maximum units that the building can have are eight. She advised that there are registered heritage buildings that do not meet the guidelines for the residential or commercial program.

After a brief discussion regarding program guidelines the following motion was placed:

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Pothier that the Heritage Advisory Committee:**

- 1.      Defer applications #136 and #138.**
- 2.      Staff bring forward a report detailing eligibility criteria under the existing residential and commercial program with recommended changes to the program for consideration of the committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **5.2      Presbyterian Church of St. David Presentation**

Dr. Patricia Calkin advised that they are before the committee to provide an informal presentation as to the current operations of the Church.

Mr. Mac Mackay advised the Committee that the church is a municipally registered heritage property and that they have applied for provincial designation. He further advised the Committee of the following

- The church was originally built in 1869 as a Methodist church. It also has a burial ground. The existing church was built over the old church and covers some of the burial ground, they would like to open up the site for public viewing.
- The church is undergoing a multi year restoration program.
- The restoration will cost approximately 1.5 million dollars.
- The roof has been repaired, and restoration to the west wall has been complete.
- The next step is to complete the rest of the walls, the doors, the bank and the steps. The long-term plan is to redevelop the church hall.
- Improvements to the lighting have been made to increase night security.
- They share the church with the Korean Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.
- The Church has a drop in centre (David's Place) that conducts a variety of social programs. The drop in centre is open on Friday mornings.
- The church has an interest in the issues regarding the public library, the old infirmary property, affordable housing, and youth support, as a heritage property any decisions made regarding these issues will affect the church.
- The church would like to see the area more unified and is seeking opportunities to join other groups and work together.

In response to Councillor Sloane Mr. Mackay advised that they are aware of the heritage programs and that they have not submitted an application for funding. The Church fundraises to complete the work.

In response to Councillor Sloane, Dr. Patricia Calkin responded that the church has been given a seat on the Spring Garden Road Advisory Committee.

## **5.3      Re-Consideration of Fielding Building - Bloomfield School as Heritage Property.**

The Chair advised that this item has been deferred.

**6.      UPDATES**

**6.1     Case H00171 - Brewery Market address**

Ms. Maggie Holm advised the committee that the correct civic address for the property is 1489 Hollis Street/1496/98 Lower Water Street.

**7.      INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A letter dated September 28, 2005 to Mr. Kevin Barrett, Manager Historic Places Initiative was circulated to the Committee.
- A press release dated September 16, 2005, from Heritage Trust Nova Scotia was circulated to the committee for information.
- A Halifax Herald article dated September 19, 2005 - Heritage Group takes action was circulated to the committee for information.

**7.1     Approval Letters**

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

**7.2     Extracts from Regional/Community Council Minutes - NONE**

**7.3     Daily news Article September 4, 2005 - Church could get heritage designation**

No discussion.

**7.4     Halifax Herald Article September 9, 2005 - Heritage Group takes action**

No discussion.

**8.      ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1     Grand Parade Committee**

Ms. Holm advised that the Grand Parade Committee has requested a member from the Heritage Advisory Committee to sit on the Committee. The Chair advised that Mr. Mark

Pothier is a member of the Committee.

## **8.2      Joint meeting District 12 PAC and Heritage Advisory Committee**

Ms. Maggie Holm advised that Susan Corser, Planner, Regional Planning is coordinating the meeting and that no date has been set.

In response to Mr. Mont, Ms. Holm advised that she will contact Tourism and Heritage to assist with the promotion of the heritage program to areas outside the capital district.

### **Heritage Property Program**

A brief discussion ensued regarding the eligibility of non profit organizations and institutions eligibility under the Heritage Property Program and the following motion was placed:

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. MacDonnell that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that staff provide a report on the establishment of a grant program under the Heritage Property Program for institutions and non profit organizations for consideration of the committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **Greenvale School**

In response to the Chair, Ms. Holm advised that the Greenvale School project is ongoing. The developers have indicated that moisture will not be a problem and that repointing is not necessary.

### **Demolition Permit - Kelly Building**

Mr. MacDonnell requested that staff provide an update regarding the demolition permit for the Kelly Building.

### **Cultural Advisory Committee**

In response to Mr. MacDonnell, Mr. Metlej advised that the Cultural Advisory Committee has considered heritage as an objective. The Committee is currently beginning the policy phase. Mr. MacDonnell suggested that the Cultural Advisory Committee include in its recommendations to Council that the Heritage Management Plan be implemented.

## **9.      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Stephanie Parsons  
Legislative Assistant