

**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 22, 2003**

PRESENT: Mr. Allan MacLellan, Chair
Mr. Tom Creighton, Vice-Chair
Councillor Uteck
Councillor Harvey
Ms. Andrea Arbic
Dr. Toby Balch
Mr. Mark Pothier
Ms. Janet Morris

REGRETS: Mr. Dale Hall
Mr. Jim Trites
Ms. Margo Grant

STAFF: Mr. Kevin Barrett, Heritage Planner
Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant

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As neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair were present at the commencement of the meeting, it was agreed that Councillor Uteck would be Acting Chair. Councillor Uteck called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 11, 2002

Later in the meeting, the following motion was put on the floor:

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Andrea Arbic, that the minutes of December 11, 2002, be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following item was added to the agenda:

7.1 Presentation - Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

MOVED by Toby Balch, seconded by Tom Creighton, that the Order of Business, Additions and Deletions be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

It was agreed to defer this item to the end of the meeting.

The Committee agreed to deal with Item 7.1 - Presentation - Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia next on the agenda.

7.1 Presentation - Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

Mr. Peter Delefos, Dr. Elizabeth Pacey, and Ms. Joyce McCulloch, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, made a presentation to the Committee which recommended that HRM create its first heritage conservation district on Brunswick Street.

(Mr. MacLellan took his place at the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and assumed the Chair.)

During the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia presentation, the following points were made:

- C Other municipalities in Nova Scotia have heritage conservation districts, yet HRM does not have one. Other municipalities, such as St. John, New Brunswick, have extensive heritage conservation polices programs. St. John has four heritage preservation

areas, one of which consists of 21 blocks. The St. John central peninsula has 1200 designated heritage properties and since 1990 its grant program has leveraged more than \$30 million in heritage incentives.

- C Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia met with staff in December 2002 regarding its suggestion of designating Brunswick Street as a heritage conservation district and were encouraged to come to the HAC for a recommendation to Regional Council.
- C A brochure prepared by Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia entitled "*Keeping Our Heritage Communities*" was circulated to the Committee.
- C The main reason for the Trust putting forth Brunswick Street to be the first heritage conservation district is that HRM is losing some very important heritage buildings in this area (ie. Merkel House). Also, there are some very important supporting buildings in the area that have no demolition control. The designation of a heritage conservation district would provide this area with increased protection under the Heritage Property Act.
- C There is an official process to follow to obtain this designation and to start the process, the Trust would like the HAC to pass a motion to recommend to Regional Council that heritage conservation districts be established in HRM and that Brunswick Street be selected as an initial residential heritage conservation district.
- C There may be some extra money available for the Brunswick Street area due to the sewage treatment plant.
- C Heritage Trust would be willing to assist with the process once it has been approved by Regional Council.

Ms. Joyce McCulloch addressed the Committee regarding a 400 year old alley in Philadelphia. Every house on this alley is marked in booklet with the history of each house. She suggested a similar idea would be ideal for Brunswick Street.

Mr. Delefos noted a lot of research has already been done on Brunswick street properties. He also noted that some Trust members have been involved in the creation of heritage districts in other areas, and would be pleased to be involved in the process and assist in any manner. Mr. Delefos stated creating heritage conservation districts is a time consuming process and staff time and resources would also have to be allocated.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Tom Creighton, that the Heritage Advisory Committee refer this matter to staff for a report on the implementation of heritage conservation districts, specifically, the consideration of Brunswick Street as an initial residential heritage conservation district.

Mr. Barrett advised the Committee that staff is in process of initiating a heritage conservation district Barrington Street and a report will be before the HAC next month. He stated staff would like to get the experience with Barrington Street first and then consider the creation of a residential heritage conservation district. Councillor Uteck suggested the two could be done in a parallel process. Mr. Barrett noted there would be an issue of staff resources and time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Memo and Case 00500 - Application to Re-zone Lands off Meadowlands Drive, Lr. Sackville, from P-2 to R-1

C A memorandum from Kevin Barrett, attached to a staff report to the North West Planning Advisory Committee, dated December 17, 2002, regarding the above, was before the Committee for its consideration.

With the use of overheads, Mr. Kevin Barrett, Heritage Planner, presented the matter to the Committee. He noted the issue is before the Committee for information at this time and it will be coming back in approximately two months time.

Mr. Pothier inquired how much of the property is being requested to be deregistered. Mr. Barrett responded only the areas being rezoned to be sold to make money for the church. Councillor Harvey noted the public hearing for rezoning will be held on February 13, 2003, and a purchase of sale is in place subject to the rezoning.

Mr. Creighton inquired about a buffer between the cemetery and the lands to be developed. Mr. Barrett responded that this will be addressed in the staff report coming forth later.

5. UPDATES

5.1 Case H00097 - Request to deregister 32 Dundas Street (a municipal heritage property), Dartmouth, NS

The Committee was provided a verbal update regarding the status of the deregistration request. It was noted that correspondence from the General Manager of Planning Applications regarding the review process for future alterations to this property (to be sent to the applicants) may eliminate the request for deregistration.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Approval letters

Approval letters for the following were before the Committee for its information:

- C 5112 Prince Street/1684 Lower Water Street, Halifax
- C 43 Wentworth Street, Dartmouth

(Mr. Paul MacKinnon took his place at the meeting at 4 p.m.)

7. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Presentation - Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Ms. Arbic **nominated** Mr. Tom Creighton.

Mr. Pothier **nominated** Mr. Allan MacLellan.

Following the vote, **Mr. MacLellan was declared Chair** of the Heritage Advisory Committee for another term.

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Ms. Arbic **nominated** Mr. Tom Creighton.

Mr. MacLellan **nominated** Mr. Mark Pothier.

Mr. Pothier **nominated** Mr. Jim Trites. Mr. Barrett advised the Committee that that Mr. Trites indicated he would accept such a nomination if made during his absence.

Following the vote, **Mr. Tom Creighton was declared Vice Chair.**

MOVED by Toby Balch, seconded by Councillor Sue Uteck, that the ballots be

destroyed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Patti Halliday
Legislative Assistant