

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 8, 2003**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Allan MacLellan  
Councillor Bob Harvey  
Councillor Dawn Sloane  
Mr. Tom Creighton  
Mr. Elias Metlej  
Mr. Bill Meagher  
Mr. Paul MacKinnon  
Ms. Andrea Arbic  
Ms. Margo Grant  
Ms. Janet Morris  
Mr. Ralston MacDonnell  
Mr. Jim Trites

**REGRETS:** Dr. Toby Balch  
Mr. Mark Pothier

**STAFF:** Ms. Randa James, Acting Heritage Planner  
Ms. Maggie Holm, Development Technician  
Mr. Dan Norris, Manager, Culture and Heritage  
Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Dorothy Amey, Administrative Support

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Mr. MacLellan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved. The November 26, 2003 minutes will be on the agenda for approval in January.

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

Ms. James added the Introduction of Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, to the agenda.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Norris added the following item:

5.1 Web site for heritage incentive program

**3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Mr. Bill Meagher, Mr. Elias Metlej and Mr. Ralston MacDonnell, newly appointed members to the Heritage Advisory Committee were introduced. Ms. Maggie Holm, the newly appointed Heritage Planner, was also introduced to the Committee. Each person provided a brief background about themselves and their interest in heritage matters.

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Approval Letters**

**4.1.1 Moir's Limited Power House, a Provincially Registered Site**

C A Level 1 approval letter for the above property was before the Committee for its information.

Ms. James briefly reviewed the letter and the various levels of review for the benefit of the new Committee members.

**4.2 Update on the Beechville United Baptist Church Registration Application**

Ms. James provided the Committee with a verbal update regarding the application. A development agreement application has been received for the abutting property which will impact the ability to proceed with registration. She noted there are negotiations taking place with both property owners regarding a possible land swap, but there is still a fair amount of work to be done with respect to the development agreement application.

#### **4.3 New List of HAC members**

A revised list of HAC members was circulated to the Committee.

#### **4.4 HAC Meeting Schedule for 2004**

The HAC meeting Schedule for 2004 was provided for the Committee's information.

### **5. ADDED ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Web Site for Heritage Incentive Program**

Mr. Norris circulated and briefly reviewed a printout of the new web site for the Heritage Incentive Program.

In other business, responding to a question of Mr. MacLellan regarding the issue of insurance for heritage properties, Ms. James advised the Committee that copies of a letter from Mr. Kevin Barrett, Heritage Officer, Nova Scotia Tourism and Culture, to Mayor Peter Kelly regarding this issue will be sent to all registered heritage property owners in HRM along with a copy of the Heritage Matters brochure. Ms. James noted there needs to be some education provided to insurance companies that replacement only refers to the exterior of heritage buildings. Mr. Creighton inquired about heritage artifacts and items that may be inside a registered home. Ms. James responded that the property owner would have to add a rider to their insurance policy to specifically document those items.

Ms. Arbic inquired about the status of the revised heritage registration evaluation criteria developed by the sub-committee. Ms. Holms stated staff will look into the status of this with the intent to have it moved forward to Council for approval.

Mr. Norris reminded the Committee that a sub-committee is to be struck to examine the issue of heritage incentives for institutional properties.

Ms. James advised the Committee that an application has been received from Mr. Victor Syperek for his Morris Street property. Once further information is received from the application, the matter will be back before the HAC, possibly in January.

### **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 28, 2004**

The date of the next meeting will be January 28, 2004.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. followed by a presentation to the outgoing members and a Christmas Social.

Patti Halliday  
Legislative Assistant