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Item No. 11.1.6 (ii)
Halifax Regional Council
May 20, 2014

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
 Emma Sampson, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE: May 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Case 19171: Amendments to the Downtown Halifax MPS and an Existing Development Agreement to Permit and Extension to the Commencement and Completion Requirements for a 16 Storey Building at 1593 Barrington Street, Halifax

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Staff report and presentation to the Heritage Advisory Committee on May 7, 2014.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 21 of the Halifax Charter regarding Standing, Special and Advisory Committees.

By-law H-200 Respecting the Establishment of a Heritage Advisory Committee and a Civic Registry of Heritage Property.

BACKGROUND

At the May 7, 2014 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee, staff presented the application by W. M. Fares Group, on behalf of 3258146 Nova Scotia Limited to amend the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and an existing development agreement in order to extend the requirements for the commencement and completion of a 16-storey building at 1593 Barrington Street.

DISCUSSION

Following the staff presentation the Committee discussed the application with staff responding to questions. The consensus among the Committee members was that the application was not a heritage matter and, therefore, should not be considered by the Heritage Advisory Committee.

The Committee's view is that the property was given special designation which has excluded it from the Barrington Street Conservation District (BSCD) and all of the subsequent design guidelines and height limitations; therefore, it does not fall under the Committee's purview. However, should the extension not be granted, following its expiry on July 20, 2014, it would then be formally considered a part of the BSCD. As such, any future development or alterations would then come before the Committee for its consideration.

The Committee passed the following motion:

MOVED by Ms. Van der Leest, seconded by Ms. Nourpanah that the Heritage Advisory Committee not provide a recommendation to Halifax Regional Council for Case 19171: Amendments to the Downtown Halifax MPS and an Existing Development Agreement to Permit an Extension to the Commencement and Completion Requirements for a 16 Storey Building at 1593 Barrington Street, Halifax because the proposal is not a heritage matter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Heritage Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee to Regional Council comprised of 10 volunteer members of the public and two Councillors. The meetings are open to the public and the agendas and minutes are posted at www.Halifax.ca.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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