

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

July 4, 2012

- PRESENT: Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair  
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair  
Mr. William Book  
Mr. Geoff Leboutillier  
Ms. Joanne Macrae  
Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Peter Lund  
Councillor Dawn Sloane  
Councillor Sue Uteck  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
- REGRETS: Mr. Eric Burchill  
Mr. Peter Moorhouse  
Councillor Jim Smith
- STAFF: Mr. Andy Fillmore, Project Manager  
Ms. Susan Corser, Project Coordinator  
Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning  
Ms. Leticia Smillie, Cultural Planner  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room, Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 6, 2012**

Councillor Watts referred to page 5 of the minutes and asked that her comments concerning the municipal election this fall be revised to reflect that the intention of her statement was that the Councillors will be very busy this fall due to the number of scheduled activities, as well as activities associated with the election.

**MOVED by Mr. Book, seconded by Mr. Morley that the minutes of June 6, 2012 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSES.**

Councillor Nicoll entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

The Chair noted that 'Urban Forest Update' was on the agenda and she suggested that it be discussed during the staff update, to which it was agreed.

The Chair noted that correspondence was submitted this morning in regard to the project schedule. She advised that this would be forwarded to the Committee's next agenda.

At 10:45 a.m. Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed entered the meeting.

Mr. LeBoutillier advised that he was provided copies of correspondence dated July 4, 2012 from OUR HRM Alliance and would submit this for the next agenda.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/DEFERRED BUSINESS: None**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 Correspondence:**

- OUR HRM Alliance – *Our Seven Solutions*

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Correspondence dated June 22, 2012 was submitted from Ms. Jen Powley, OUR HRM Alliance.

**5.2 Petitions:** None

**5.3 Presentations:** None

**6. REPORTS:**

**6.1 Staff: (RP+5)**

**6.1.1 Changes to Project Schedule**

A revised CDAC Forward Agenda, dated June 28, 2012 was submitted.

Mr. French advised that he was proposing a revision to the RP+5 project schedule to move the public consultation phase to November rather than September. He explained that the reasoning for this was that, having the two projects—Centre Plan Phase 1 and Regional Plan Review—running parallel, it is difficult for the public to separate the two. Therefore, staff feel it would be beneficial to defer the next phase of the RP+5 public consultation until after the public hearing of the Centre Plan Phase 1. Mr. French noted that this will not push out the final deadline much, and it will enable more focus on one project at a time. Mr. French added that this has been discussed with senior staff and it is felt that the revision to the schedule will give the newly elected Council an opportunity to be briefed on the Regional Plan review before the public consultation occurs.

The Chair indicated her support for this change, and advised that she felt the Committee's purpose is to act in the public interest, and that with the sheer volume of work she wondered if the Committee should take a moment and step back and see if there are other changes that the Committee feels should be sent back to staff. She pointed out that a new incoming Council was a factor in this matter and questioned if the Committee should direct this back to staff so it can look at the scheduling, in looking at both aspects of RP+5 and the Centre Plan.

Councillor Watts noted that she had expressed concern about how rapidly everything was moving and that so much was planned for the fall. She added that she appreciates the decision to step-back and take the necessary time to have the project done well.

Mr. Book indicated that he was in agreement to alter the schedule, but that he did not think the final date—April—should be pushed out.

Mr. Leboutillier concurred with moving the RP+5 public consultations in the fall but advised that he, too, did not think the final April date should be moved.

In response to a request for update on the transition of staff on the projects, Mr. French advised that there will be an internal recruitment and that he would be getting directly involved in both projects.

Councillor Nicoll noted that at the last meeting the Committee requested the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee hold an extra meeting in August, and the CPED Standing Committee agreed to this. In light of this discussion, she questioned if the additional meeting would be required.

In response, Mr. French advised that it will depend on this Committee's direction, and at the next meeting staff will explore changes with the Centre Plan schedule as well.

Mr. Morley advised that he supported a new schedule, and added that it would give the Committee an opportunity to have important discussions, particularly on matters that the public did not raise but matters that the Committee should discuss and make decisions on.

Councillor Lund also indicated that he was in favour of revising the timelines on the RP+5 public consultation in the fall.

At 11:05 a.m. Councillor Sloane entered the meeting.

The Chair requested that Mr. French provide a draft version of the revised schedule back to the Committee and suggested that the two projects be separated into two streams.

Mr. French advised that he would provide a new schedule to the Committee in two weeks.

### **6.1.2 'HRM is Sustainable' – Response to Community Comments**

A document entitled, 'HRM is Sustainable', Phase II Response to Public Input was submitted.

A PowerPoint presentation in regard to RP+5 Results of Phase 2 public engagement was submitted.

Ms. Corser provided the presentation on the results of the Phase 2 public engagement for the RP+5.

At 11:20 a.m. Councillor Uteck entered the meeting.

In reference to the submitted documentation, Ms. Corser advised that staff want to receive the Committee's direction on the policy directions, and at each meeting a theme will be circulated in advance to the Committee for review with a focus on key issues and policy direction. Ms. Corser noted that the five themes are: Sustainable, Liveable, Vibrant, Prosperous, and Mobile.

The Committee began a review and discussion of Theme 1: HRM is Sustainable with staff responding to questions.

During a discussion on the development of Greenbelts, the Chair declared a conflict advising that she had been involved in fundraising for the group, *Our HRM Alliance*. Mr. Morley assumed the Chair. Mr. Leboutillier also informed the Committee that he was involved with the *Alliance*. Following the discussion on Greenbelts, the Chair advised that, overall, the Committee feels further clarity is required around this idea, and that staff need to bring this matter back with something more definitive.

Ms. Godsoe assumed the Chair, and the Committee continued with its review of the document.

A brief discussion ensued in regard to item 1.4.8 and the importance of food security; the Chair advised that the Committee will include Urban Agriculture in the RP+5 scope.

The Committee was on page 6, item 1.8.1 when the Chair indicated that it was almost time to adjourn, and noted that the Committee had more than half the remaining document to get through. She pointed out that staff will be bringing four more themes to the Committee for review, therefore, it was imperative that the Committee find a way to move through the documentation more efficiently. It was suggested that the Committee members could submit their questions to staff in advance of the meeting, which would enable staff to prepare a response and which would be provided at the meeting.

## **6.2 Committee Members:**

### **6.2.1 Urban Forest Update**

This item was discussed during item 6.1.2

**7. ADDED ITEMS:** None

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 18, 2012 – Bloomfield Centre

Subsequent to the July 4, 2012 meeting, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held July 25, 2012.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant