

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 3, 2012

- PRESENT: Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Geoff Leboutillier
Mr. Eric Burchill
Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Ms. Joanne Macrae
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Peter Lund
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Sue Uteck
- REGRETS: Mr. Bill Book
Mr. Fred Morley
Mr. Peter Moorhouse
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Jim Smith (absent)
- STAFF: Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator
Ms. Kasia Tota, Community Developer
Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
Mr. Richard Harvey, Interim Project Manager

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of the George Dixon Community Recreation Centre.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 1, 2012, September 5, 2012, and September 19, 2012

The Chair noted that approval of the minutes were deferred to this meeting as Mr. Leboutillier had amendments he wanted to suggest, and was not able to attend the last meeting.

Mr. Leboutillier advised that comments he had made and responses by Mr. French were not noted in the minutes. He added that he was speaking in regard to the Visioning process carried out in Tantallon and the plans that the Community wished to see and the frustration in the delay of this matter. He noted that the minutes did not reflect these remarks but upon further reflection he recognized that this discussion was a side discussion to what the Committee was dealing with at that time.

The Chair pointed out that, although his remarks were a side conversation to what the Committee was dealing with, Mr. Leboutillier's remarks did highlight that timeliness was an important aspect, and that things needed to be carried out in a timely manner.

Mr. Leboutillier concurred adding that the frustration among the residents of St. Margaret's Bay is how long it takes to get things done, all the while development that the community does not want, continues. He added that he wanted to point out, therefore, the final document that staff prepares in regard to this project needs to be clear and an accurate reflection of what the community wants.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Mr. Leboutillier that the minutes of August 1, 2012, September 5, 2012, and September 19, 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 5.1 Correspondence:
- Pam Cooley, dated September 2012
 - Mark Nener, Dated October 3, 2012
 - Jen Powley, OurHrm Alliance, dated October 1, 2012
 - Peggy Cameron, dated October 2, 2012

The Chair advised that due to the amount of feedback the Committee is receiving, she felt it would be appropriate to allow the pieces of correspondence to be submitted as added items for this agenda, rather than hold them for circulation of the next agenda.

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

Councillor Uteck entered the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

A brief discussion ensued with regard to presentation requests to the Committee, and Ms. Corser advised that staff have been compiling a list of those wishing to provide a presentation and will bring this back at a future meeting.

In response to a question on clarification on the Committee's decision on hearing presentations, the Chair advised that due to the volume of requests the Committee was getting, and because staff were carrying out further public consultation, the Committee agreed to hold off on hearing any presentations. She pointed out that the Committee did not rule out reconsidering this but it was felt that it was best to wait.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Watts that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

The Chair asked if staff had any update to provide concerning their discussion with the Province on the three sites they wanted included in the Centre Plan process.

Mr. French indicated he had nothing new to report.

Councillor Uteck read and submitted for the official file, a letter dated June 7, 2012 from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations to Mayor Kelly in regard to HRM's requested legislative amendments. Attached to the letter was correspondence dated March 6, 2012 from Mayor Kelly to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. She questioned if staff responded to the June 7, 2012 letter.

Mr. French advised that the communication of Planning's position as to what is needed to go forward is understood by the intergovernmental affairs staff and that senior staff understands the significance of this issue and it is a major priority.

The Chair advised that there was concern expressed about going forward with the Development Agreement approach while waiting for the Province to introduce and pass the amendments staff are looking for, in particular, there was concern about the Development Agreement approach and affordable housing.

Mr. French noted that there are limitations on what the Municipality can do when it comes to the issue of affordable housing, advising that the Municipality cannot stipulate that certain units in a building will be for affordable housing. He added that the Province has

a cash contributions program for affordable housing and staff is looking into the idea of creating some policy around this. Mr. French noted that staff does not have answers at this time, but it is something that is being actively worked on.

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was submitted from the following:

- Jen Powley, Our HRM Alliance, dated September 17, 2012
- Jen Powley, Our HRM Alliance, dated September 18, 2012
- Peggy Cameron, dated September 24, 2012
- Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, September 27, 2012

Additional correspondence was submitted from the following:

- Pam Cooley, dated September 2012
- Mark Nener, Dated October 3, 2012
- Jen Powley, OurHrm Alliance, dated October 1, 2012
- Peggy Cameron, dated October 2, 201

5.2 Petitions: None

5.3 Presentation: None

6. REPORTS

6.1. Staff

6.1.1 HRM is Mobile – Response to Community Comments

A document entitled, 'HRM is Mobile' was submitted.

The Chair introduced Ms. Patricia Hughes, Coordinator, Project Planning, Metro Transit and Mr. David McCusker, Regional Transportation Manager, Metro Transit and advised that as per the Committee's wishes, they have been invited to sit in on the Committee's review of the 'Mobile' document.

The Chair led the Committee review of the HRM is Mobile document, with staff responding to questions.

The following points were noted:

- Councillor Watts advised that she would like to have the minutes of the Strategic Joint Regional Transportation Advisory Committee made public, and she requested that they be provided to Regional Council.

- Ms. Hughes advised that staff will be ramping up soon with the start of the five year plan; adding that the original intent was to wait until the RP+5 Review was completed, however the direction now is to start it sooner.
- The Chair suggested that staff bring forward to a future agenda, a diagram illustrating how all the various HRM Plans connect and intersect.
- Councillor Watts suggested Metro Transit staff send out the weblink to HRM's shortcutting policy.
- In response to a question by Councillor Watts, and in reference to item 4.5.2 of the 'Mobile' document, Mr. McCusker confirmed that the process involves the road network functional plan being reviewed only after the Regional Plan Review is completed.
- Ms. Hughes advised that she would e-mail the Committee information on the 'Five Big Moves for Transit'

At 12:35 p.m. Mr. Leboutillier retired from the meeting.

6.1.2 Centre Plan Community Engagement Document and Direction on Future Engagement

Mr. Richard Harvey, Interim Project Manager advised that following two rounds of public engagement, meetings with stakeholder groups, and receiving submissions, staff are now working through this information. He added that at the next meeting staff will provide the Committee with a review of the community engagement report and discuss some of the results. Mr. Harvey noted that it was also important to inform the Committee of what staff are working on as a result of the public feedback, and that staff would like to have this discussion before going out for additional public consultation.

6.2 Committee Members- None

7. ADDED ITEMS

8. NEXT MEETING DATE – October 10, 2012 – George Dixon Centre, 2502 Brunswick Street, Halifax

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant