

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

March 6, 2013

PRESENT: Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair  
Dr. Gaynor Watson Creed  
Mr. Bill Book  
Ms. Joanne Macrae  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Wayne Mason  
Mr. Geoff LeBoutillier

REGRETS: Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair  
Mr. Eric Burchill  
Mr. Peter Moorhouse  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll

STAFF: Mr. Richard Harvey, Acting Urban Design Project Manager  
Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator  
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 11:38 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None**

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

Additions:

**7.1 Terms of Reference – Presentation Review – Chair**

The Chair indicated that given the significant point at which the Committee is at in the RP+5 Review, he felt it would be useful at this time for the Committee to review its Terms of Reference, reflecting on the purpose and mandate of the Committee.

The Chair provided a brief presentation.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/DEFERRED BUSINESS:  
None**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**5.1 Correspondence: None**

**5.2 Petitions: None**

**6.3 Presentations: None**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Staff**

**6.1.1 Presentation of Draft Regional Plan**

Staff circulated copies of the draft Regional Plan to the Committee entitled, *Draft 1.0 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (March 6, 2011)*.

Staff submitted (via e-mail) a list of 'Parking Lot' items, resulting from previous Committee discussions as follows:

1. Should watercourse buffers be increased to 30 m? Provide more detail on current policies requiring larger buffers.
2. What are the criteria and growth targets for each growth centre?

3. What are the definitions of urban and suburban growth targets?
4. Will options for rural subdivisions result in clear edges around growth centres?
5. How can public consultation frame trade-offs and options for regional road works? Provide CDAC with another model for regional road works.
6. Should HRM be a leader in culture, heritage and professional arts? Include professional arts in the Culture and Heritage Chapter.
7. Focus on efficient and effective AT network which includes pedestrians and connects key origin and destination points. Ensure that transit and AT are included in policies on regional road works.
8. Be clear that HRM-owned lands will remain for industrial uses.
9. Provide a report on completed studies.

The Chair outlined the process for today's meeting, noting that staff would provide a high level review of each chapter of the document, and the Committee members would then to take the document and review over the next two weeks and come back at the meeting on March 20, 2013 for full discussion. He added that if the Committee does not complete its discussion on March 20, staff is suggesting a meeting be scheduled for March 27 to finish the review.

Ms. Corser and Mr. Harvey led the Committee through a review of the proposed Draft Plan.

At 12:00 p.m. Ms. Macrae entered the meeting.

The Chair raised a point that when it comes to decision making between alternatives such as 'Undergrounding' Regional Council should have an understanding of the costs. In response, Ms. Corser advised that at the March 20, 2013 meeting, staff expect to have the findings of the Stantec Report to present, which addresses economic impact of these sorts of costs.

During the staff overview of the document, Mr. Harvey noted for the Committee's information that, very recently, the Federal Government advised of new protocol in regard to telecommunication towers, and this was something staff will need to consider.

Councillor Watts suggested that it would be helpful to have included in the document, the information on who will be the authority responsible for the Plan. For example she advised that if the Community Planning and Economic Standing Committee will be the body that oversees the document, it should be stated as such, along with other information such as annual updates to the Committee.

Councillor Mason suggested that the first section of the document should include a definition list. He also suggested that it would be helpful to have measurement indicators from 2006 to 2013.

Mr. LeBoutillier concurred and advised that the more information that could be put online with regard to measurement indicators, the more transparent it is for the public

and the public will easily be able to see what HRM is trying to achieve and how it is doing.

**7. ADDED ITEMS**

**7.1 Terms of Reference – presentation review - Chair**

This was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 20, 2013**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
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