

COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 9, 2013

PRESENT:

Ms. Dale Godsoe, Chair
Mr. Eric Burchill
Mr. Geoff Le Boutillier
Ms. Joanne Macrae
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Wayne Mason
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed
Mr. Bill Book
Mr. Peter Moorhouse

REGRETS:

Mr. Fred Morley, Vice Chair

STAFF:

Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning and Infrastructure
Ms. Jane Fraser, Director, Planning and Infrastructure
Ms. Susan Corser, Project Co-ordinator
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.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: Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning, informed the Committee that staff had placed Growth Projection maps on an adjacent table for members to examine. The Committee agreed to take a break after item 5.1 to consult the maps.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES -- NONE

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

5.1 CDAC Letter of Advice on RP+5 to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

A letter dated October 4, 2013 was submitted from the Writing Subcommittee.

Mr. Burchill requested that the Committee approve an addition to the preamble of the October 4, 2013 CDAC Letter of Advice; the additional sentence states that “CDAC recognizes the impressive amount of effort and commitment by staff.” The Committee agreed to accept the addition as a friendly amendment.

The Committee then entered into a discussion of the draft Letter of Advice and the recommendation that an external consultant be engaged to finalize RP+5. Councillor McCluskey noted that she was not in favour of a consultant and that she felt CDAD’s work was completed and ready to go before Committee of the Whole. Other members also expressed concern about the role of an external consultant and Councillor Nicoll suggested it would be helpful if CPED (Community Planning and Economic Development Committee) were briefed on the matter. Mr. French and Ms. Jane Fraser, Director, Planning & Infrastructure, explained that the challenge for staff is the lack of specific direction in the Letter of Advice and that some issues are outside the Committee’s scope of authority.

The Chair canvassed Committee members on the lessons learned, whether the Letter of Advice as it currently stands should be tabled, and the best way forward in a focussed and defined process.

The Committee took a brief intermission at 12:58 p.m. The Committee resumed its discussion at 1:12 p.m. The Committee agreed to table the Letter of Advice and to make a recommendation to CPED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Mr. Burchill, that the CDAC Letter of Advice on RP+5 to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (dated October 4, 2013) be tabled. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Mr. Le Boutillier, that CDAC recommend that CPED request staff to design (in consultation with the Chair of CDAC) and engage in a process with CDAC to identify the Committee's remaining areas of concern in each of the four regional plan themes identified in the July 2011 staff report (sustainable solutions, enhancing the regional centre, improved suburban and rural design, land use and transit active transportation are mutually inclusive) and work to resolve these issues through further revision to draft plan and/or alternative policy for consideration by Council that addresses those issues if possible, with a goal to complete this work in up to 60 days. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Mr. Book, seconded by Mr. Le Boutillier, that CDAC untable the Letter of Advice and amend the Letter to include the above motion as the first recommendation of the Letter. MOTION DEFEATED.

5.2 Email Letter from Mr. Phil Pacey, October 9, 2013

Mr. Pacey's email, headed "RP+5 next steps" was circulated to the Committee.

6. REPORTS

6.1 RP+5: Draft Revised Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (continued from October 2, 2013)

- The Report titled RP+5: Draft Revised Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, dated September 23, 2013, was before the Committee.

7. ADDED ITEMS -- NONE

8. NEXT MEETING DATE -- TBA

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Support