

**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 22, 2006
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
Ms. Andrea Arbic, Vice Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Bob Harvey
Mr. Clarence Butler
Mr. Bill Mont
Mr. Paul MacKinnon

ABSENT:

Mr. Mark Pothier (regrets)
Ms. Dianne Marshall
Mr. Elias Metlej
Mr. Paul Shakotko

STAFF:

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

The Committee agreed to hear updates from staff first, and then move to the In Camera agenda, returning after to the Regular Meeting agenda.

The Chair requested that future agendas include an item for reports from Heritage Advisory Committee sub-committees and representatives of the HAC on other HRM Committees. The Legislative Assistant advised she would make these arrangements.

The Chair also requested that a status sheet be prepared for tracking larger projects and initiatives of interest to the HAC. The Legislative Assistant advised she would make these arrangements.

130 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth (former Greenvale School)

Ms. Holm advised that the HRM Planner working on this project accepted a position with another department. She indicated that there were complications with the sewer alignment on the property, and that negotiations between HRM, the purchaser of the Greenvale School property and the adjacent property owner are ongoing. She indicated that she will attempt to obtain an update for the next Committee meeting.

Barrington Street Heritage District Revitalization Plan

Mr. Bill Plaskett advised that there have been several delays to initiating the Plan since it was approved by Council in January, including staffing changes, department reorganizations, funding issues, and issues surrounding demolition policies. He indicated that many HRM departments are involved in the Plan including Finance, Transportation and Public Works, and Community Development. Mr. Plaskett commented that staff have been working since May/June 2006 to resolve funding issues with the Plan, and that this needs to be resolved to incorporate in the 2007/08 budget process. He noted that a supplementary report will be brought forward to Council regarding the funding piece. Responding to questions of the Committee, Mr. Plaskett indicated that Council's adoption of the Plan is subject to Ministerial approval from the Provincial government.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. MacKinnon, that the Heritage Advisory Committee request a staff update on the status of the Barrington Street Heritage District Revitalization Plan and whether the Plan will be included for consideration in the 2007 Capital Budget. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At 3:24 p.m., the Committee recessed to In Camera and reconvened the Regular Session at 3:47 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 25, 2006

Ms. Holm requested that the word "architect" on page 6, Item 7.3 be changed to "engineer".

MOVED by Mr. Butler, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of October 25, 2006 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions:

8.1 Approval of 2007 Meeting Dates

MOVED by Mr. MacKinnon, seconded by Ms. Arbic, that the agenda be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Proposed Location of December Meeting

Mr. Holm updated the Committee on the cost of renting a meeting space at the Citadel for the December meeting, as requested. The Committee agreed to hold the December meeting in Halifax Hall, City Hall, due to the cost of renting space at the Citadel.

4.2 Verbal update - Case 00876: 991 Beaver Bank Windsor Junction Cross Road (Hallisey House)

Ms. Holm indicated that Community Council passed the Committee's recommendation regarding signage. She noted that the property is now for sale, and a prospective purchaser interested in restoring the property contacted her to discuss heritage regulations.

4.3 Verbal update - Heritage Day 2007

Ms. Holm indicated that the Province will be producing a 1752 bird's eye map of the area, as a thank you for participation in the Historic Places Initiative. She noted that Provincial staff wish to present the Mayor with a copy on Heritage Day, since HRM has the most properties on the Historic Places register. Ms. Holm indicated that the map is on the Smithsonian Institute website.

Councillor Sloane suggested that for Heritage Day, the Committee visit the tunnels from Citadel Hill. Ms. Holm indicated that she would contact Parks Canada to seek permission.

5. DEFERRED ITEMS

5.1 H00189: Request for approval of alterations to 46 Dahlia Street, Dartmouth

- C A staff report dated October 3, 2005 was before the Committee.
- C This item was deferred from the October 25, 2006 meeting with regard to a recommendation regarding proposed skylights only.

Ms. Holm distributed research she had collected on skylights, which indicates that they were used as far back as 1700. She noted that, before electric lighting, skylights were a safer alternative to lighting a home than candles, however, many of the older skylights have since been removed. Ms. Holm noted that Velux skylights are proposed for this property, which will be raised 4 inches above the roof, and will open 20-30 degrees, or 6-8 inches. She indicated that she contacted other towns regarding their policies on skylights in heritage buildings, and most indicated that they do not permit "bubble" skylights, and recommend flat skylights.

MOVED by Mr. Butler, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend approval of alterations to 46 Dahlia Street, as proposed in the October 3, 2006 staff report, with the condition that the skylights be flush with the roof, with non-operational (non-opening) skylights only to be installed at the front of the building, and operational (opening) skylights permitted to be installed at the rear of the building. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 H00193: Request for approval of alterations to 1240 Hollis Street, Halifax

- C A copy of a staff report dated November 10, 2006 was distributed to Committee members.
- C This item was deferred from the October 25, 2006 meeting pending further information from staff.

Ms. Holm reviewed the November 10, 2006 report with the Committee, noting the following:

- C That the addition to the accessory building was inspected by staff, and found to be satisfactory;
- C That development staff issued a permit for the construction;
- C The earliest record of the accessory building is a building permit from 1972 for auto use, although this is not the original building permit;
- C Staff are unsure when the original accessory building was constructed;

- C The owners have painted the accessory building a dark purple colour, which staff feel detracts from the adjacent heritage building which is white;
- C Staff also recommend that the property owners remove the billboard I-beams from the side of the building, which are not being used;

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Mr. Butler, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend approval of the alterations to 1240 Hollis Street, Halifax, as proposed in the November 10, 2006 staff report, with the condition that the dark purple colour of the building be subdued (repainted) to compliment the adjacent heritage property (Forman-Uniacke House) and that the billboard I-beams be removed from the side of the structure. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentation - None

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

Mr. Butler indicated that the Urban Design Task Force will be hosting HRM by Design workshops from December 4-7, 2006, and encouraged members to participate.

8.1 Approval of 2007 Meeting Dates

- C A memorandum dated November 21, 2006 from the Legislative Assistant was distributed to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to cancel one of the summer meetings, and that the cancelled meeting will be determined at a later date.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Harvey, that the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the 2007 meeting dates as follows:

Wednesday, January 24

Wednesday, February 28
Wednesday, March 28
Wednesday, April 25
Wednesday, May 23
Wednesday, June 27
Wednesday, July 25
Wednesday, August 22
Wednesday, September 26
Wednesday, October 24
Wednesday, November 28

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

All meetings will be scheduled from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. Meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change or cancellation.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - December 13, 2006

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is scheduled for December 13, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, second floor, City Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant