

**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 26, 2007
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Bob Harvey
Mr. Michael Cross
Ms. Dianne Marshall
Mr. Clarence Butler
Mr. Elias Metlej
Ms. Lisa Miller
Mr. Mark Pothier

REGRETS:

Mr. Paul Shakotko
Mr. Stephen Terauds
Mr. Alain Bourgeois

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 3:05 p.m. in the Media Room, 1st Floor, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - August 1, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that the minutes of August 1, 2007 be approved, as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Addition:

8.1 Committee Membership - Chair

The agenda was agreed upon as presented.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Chair called for nominations for a Heritage Advisory Committee representative on the Design Review Committee for the Fallen Peace Officers Memorial, which was presented to the Committee at the August 1, 2007 meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that Clarence Butler be nominated for the Heritage Advisory Committee representative on the Design Review Committee for the Fallen Peace Officers Memorial. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Michael Cross arrived at 3:10 p.m.

4.1 **Discussion on Committee Composition - Proposed MPS Amendment - Development Agreements for Heritage Properties in the Dartmouth Plan Area**

C A minutes extract of the September 6, 2007 Harbour East Community Council minutes was before the Committee.

C A copy of the Committee report to Harbour East Community Council dated August 3, 2007 was before the Committee, with attached August 1, 2007 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting draft minutes extract and Memorandum from Hanita Koblents dated July 6, 2007.

Ms. Lisa Miller volunteered to be a member of this sub-committee. Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, suggested Mr. Paul Shakotko, who was not in attendance at this meeting, but is a resident of the Dartmouth Plan area. She indicated she would contact Mr. Shakotko to see if he

is interested in participating. Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, indicated that a meeting would be arranged over the next few weeks.

5. **DEFERRED ITEMS** - None

6. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

6.1 **Correspondence** - None

6.2 **Petitions** - None

6.3 **Presentation**

6.3.1 **HRM By Design** - *Andy Fillmore, Project Manager, Urban Design*

Mr. Andy Fillmore, Project Manager, Urban Design, reviewed HRM by Design project with the Committee, noting the following:

- C Recent changes in ways of living and transportation have contributed to a decline in population in the regional centre;
- C There is a need for office space in downtown Halifax;
- C The HRM By Design project will advance and implement certain policies of the Regional Plan.

Mr. Fillmore advised that the reurbanization strategy was approved by Council in June 2007, and reviewed the following with the Committee:

- C Review of HRM By Design consultation workshops;
- C Review of the urban structure plan of Boston, as an example;
- C Review of the HRM urban structure plan;
- C Review of appropriate building types for each urban character category.

Mr. Fillmore advised that most reurbanization will be directed to where it can be accommodated and to where it is most needed, including the following:

- C Greyfield sites;
- C Brownfield sites;
- C Regeneration sites;
- C Adaptive re-use and conversion sites;
- C Infill sites;
- C Urban corridors.

Mr. Mark Pothier arrived at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Fillmore advised that Forum 4 of the HRM By Design consultation project was recently held, focusing on the Downtown core. He reviewed "The 10 'Big Moves' of the Downtown Halifax Vision":

1. Increase residential and office space in the downtown;
2. Defined and distinct downtown precincts;
3. A protected and vibrant historic heart;
4. Integrate the Cogswell and Cornwallis Park Gateways;
5. Provide a variety of new and improved open space anchors and connections, including the "Sackville Promenade";
6. Great streets that support a culture of walking;
7. Remediating the interface and quality of existing buildings and structures;
8. Reinforce visual connections and civic pride;
9. New developments designed to be well mannered and pedestrian friendly;
10. Repair and enhance the downtown skyline.

The Committee briefly discussed district heritage status of neighbourhoods. Mr. Fillmore offered to come back to the Committee to discuss this topic further at a future meeting.

Mr. Fillmore provided an overview of the Built Form Framework concept with the Committee, reviewing the following:

- C Clear form based policies with predictable outcomes are reached through:
 - C Built heritage resources, districts and buffer zones overlay; plus
 - C Maximum heights overlay; plus
 - C Maximum densities overlay - defined by floor space ratio; plus
 - C Missing controls.
- C Testing of the Built Form Framework;
- C Review of potential development yields.

Mr. Fillmore, responding to questions from the Committee, noted that the Regional Parking Strategy is underway.

Mr. Fillmore reviewed three possible Massing Scenarios:

- C Scenario 1: Consolidated Height Pattern - Northern Waterfront;
- C Scenario 2: Bookended Height Pattern - North and South Waterfront;
- C Scenario 3: Distributed Height Pattern Framing the View Planes.

Mr. Fillmore also reviewed viewplanes from the Citadel with existing conditions, and with Scenarios 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. Clarence Butler and Ms. Lisa Miller left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Mr. Fillmore reviewed the time line of the HRM By Design project, noting that the Implementation Forum will be held in January/February of 2008, the final Plan will be brought before Council in the spring of 2008, and final implementation should be completed in the fall of 2008.

The Chair and Committee members thanked Mr. Fillmore for his presentation. Mr. Fillmore offered to come back to further review the project and update the Committee, upon request.

6.4 Updates from HAC members - HRM Committees and HAC Sub-Committees - None

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Committee Membership

The Chair indicated that Alain Bourgeois has attended only one meeting, in December 2006, since being appointed to the Committee in November 2006. He noted that a letter was sent to Mr. Bourgeois regarding his membership on the Committee in July 2007, but was not responded to. The Chair indicated that as per By-law H-200, a member absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee without cause shall be deemed to have resigned. He noted that the Committee has been experiencing quorum issues, and that applications for expiring terms on the Committee are being accepted at this time, through which this vacancy could also be filled.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Harvey that the Heritage Advisory Committee accept the resignation of Alain Bourgeois. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - October 24, 2007

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, second floor, City Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant

The following information items were before the Committee:

1. Correspondence to heritage property owners; and
2. Correspondence to Capital District re: Sidewalk Patios on Heritage Properties