

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

May 22, 2013

- PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Acting Chair
Mr. Marcel Parsons
Ms. Emma Sampson
Ms. Deborah Larter
Mr. David Houlihan
Councillor David Hendsbee
- REGRETS: Mr. Stephen Terauds, Chair
Ms. Monica MacDonald
Ms. Sarah Levy
Ms. Susan Carroll
Mr. Nelson Brison
Mr. Richard White (absent)
- STAFF: Mr. Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner
Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall without a quorum present. The Chair noted that one more member is expected to arrive shortly, at which time the Committee will have quorum. He advised that, until then, the Committee would hear the presentations scheduled on the agenda, and once a quorum is present the Committee would deal with the other matters on the agenda requiring the Committee to vote.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 12, 2013 and April 24, 2013

The minutes were not approved as the Committee did not achieve quorum.

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

Additions:

Information:

Correspondence RE: Agenda Item 7.1, Case H00373 was submitted from:

- 8.1 Correspondence dated May 21, 2013 from Mr. Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust RE: Case H0073
- 8.2 Correspondence date May 22, 2013 from Alan and Linda Ruffman RE: Case H00373

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None

5. DEFERRED ITEMS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Doors Open Halifax

Mr. Hugh MacKay, Board Member of Doors Open Halifax provided an update to the Committee from his January presentation. He advised that the event is scheduled for June 8 and 9, 2013, with 32 venues opened to the public free of charge. Mr. MacKay advised that they have received a great response from building owners, operators and community groups. As well, their sponsorship program has been very well received. Mr. MacKay advised that their website was up and running and contains a full list of the

venues. He added that they anticipate 7500 visitors and the purpose today's presentation was to update the Committee and ask the Committee members to spread the word as much as possible about Doors Open Halifax weekend.

The Chair thanked Mr. MacKay for his update and encouraged the Committee members to participate in the event.

6.3.2 Friends of Schmidville

Mr. Garth Bennett, Mr. Larry Haiven, and Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, representing the Friends of Schmidville provided a presentation in regard to their request for the designation of Schmidville as a Heritage Conservation District. The presentation began with a brief history of Schmidville and the work that Friends of Schmidville have done to get the community designated as a heritage conservation district. The purpose of their presentation today was to highlight their concerns of the delay in the process and the potential for unwanted development to occur on the borders of Schmidville before the process gets underway. In particular they noted their concern with the Provincially owned Liquor Commission property on Clyde Street. In concluding their presentation they advised that they would like to see a much faster process toward the Heritage Conservation District; a strict moratorium on development agreements until Schmidville is completed through the process, and that future redevelopment of the Liquor Commission property be restricted to residential development. They encouraged the Committee to pass a motion to write a letter to the Minister asking that the Liquor Commission property be considered a 'property of municipal interest'.

Mr. Haiven and Ms. Donovan responded to questions.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation. He advised that without quorum, the Committee is unable to move any motions. He added, however, the concern over the speed at which applications for Heritage Conservation District applications are processed was something he would raise at the next Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting, and also raise it at the next meeting of this Committee. With regard to the request that the Liquor Commission site be declared a Municipal Interest Site, he noted that it was something that would not be within Committee's mandate, but that he would raise this at the Regional Council level.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 Case H00373: Substantial Alteration to 4 York Redoubt Crescent, Fergusons Cove (Stella Maris Church), a registered municipal heritage Property

The Committee did not achieve quorum, therefore this matter was not dealt with.

The Chair suggested that staff try to arrange a special meeting within the next two weeks, to deal with this application.

7.1.2 Review of Draft Regional Plan, Chapter 7, Culture and Heritage

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, addressed the Committee and continued his review of the Culture and Heritage Chapter in the Draft Regional Plan. Mr. Plaskett circulated revised copies of the *Chapter 7: Cultural and Heritage Resources* (Draft 2 - May 17, 2013). Mr. Plaskett also circulated copies of a letter dated March 26, 2013 (submitted at the Committee's April 24, 2013 meeting) from Heritage Trust containing his responses to the points in the letter. Mr. Plaskett reviewed the letter.

The Chair noted that Mr. Pacey was present and asked if he would like to respond to Mr. Plaskett's comments.

In response, Mr. Pacey advised that having just received a copy, he would appreciate an opportunity to review it first, and respond another time. The Chair concurred.

The Chair suggested that the Committee take a couple of weeks to think about the information and next time the Committee meets, the Committee members could put forward their comments on the Chapter.

The Chair asked that at the Committee's next meeting he would like for staff to explain view planes. The Chair advised that he would prepare his comments on the Chapter in writing and submit them.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Plaskett encouraged Committee members to take some time to review the Chapter thoroughly and come back with their comments. He also pointed out that the Community Design Advisory Committee—the Committee overseeing the RP+5 project—was very keen to hear what this Committee had to say about the Chapter.

The Chair advised that he was a member of the Community Design Advisory Committee, and that in the month of June, there are Open Houses planned where the Draft Plan will be presented to the public, and he encouraged everyone to attend one of these sessions. The Chair asked the Legislative Assistant to e-mail out the information on the Open Houses to the Committee.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Correspondence dated May 21, 2013 from Mr. Phil Pacey, Heritage Trust RE: Case H0073

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**8.2 Correspondence date May 22, 2013 from Alan and Linda Ruffman
RE: Case H00373**

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9. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 26, 2013

During the meeting, due to lack of quorum, the Chair requested a special meeting be arranged within the next two weeks to deal with agenda item 7.1

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:01p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant