



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 23, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Jason Cooke, Chair
Ms. Aurora Camaño, Vice Chair
Ms. Janet Morris
Mr. Scott Smith
Mr. David Williamson
Mr. Brian Cuthbertson
Mr. Dylan Ames
Mr. William Breckenridge
Councillor David Hendsbee

REGRETS: Mr. Derek Bellemore

STAFF: Mr. Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager
Mr. Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, Planning & Development
Ms. Stephanie Salloum, Planner II, Planning & Development
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 24, 2016

MOVED by David Williamson, seconded by Dylan Ames

THAT the minutes of August 24, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 10.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Submission re: Centre Plan - *Janet Morris*
- 10.2 December 1, 2016 Public Information Meeting

The Committee took a moment to recognize the passing of Mr. Philip Pacey, and all that he did for heritage in the province of Nova Scotia.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Aurora Camaño

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

William Breckenridge noted that he has done some work with the properties involved in the December 1, 2016 Public Information Meeting, 1333-35 and 1349-53 Barrington Street, and will step away from any discussion regarding the applications for demolition.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentation - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committees Updates (Verbal)

9.2.1 Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee

Aurora Camaño updated that the last meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum and there have been no major updates since then.

Notice in Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District

9.2.2 Schmidville Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee

William Breckenridge updated that a meeting held in September regarding the Schmidville Heritage Conservation District had a good turn-out.

Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, advised that staff are working on the drafting of amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy, and will proceed with amendments ahead of consultation so that stakeholders and the Heritage Advisory Committee will be able to review the amendments along with the Land Use Bylaw.

Responding to questions, Mr. McGreal noted that a new zone is being created for Schmidville and height will be addressed in the amendments.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Submission re: Centre Plan - Janet Morris

Janet Morris commented that heritage is a part of the Centre Plan, and the Committee should put forward a submission with comments.

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager, advised that the Centre Plan project is reporting to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CPED) through the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC), and the public comment period is open until December 2nd. He clarified that public comments will be brought back to CDAC, and policies and regulations will go for further feedback in the new year. Mr. Ritchie indicated that consultations with additional committees is not included within the approvals timeline. He noted that CDAC membership consists of five members of Regional Council, including Councillor Hendsbee who is also a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee, and seven citizen members, and that all meetings are open to the public. Mr. Ritchie offered to provide an information presentation focused on heritage and culture to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Ms. Morris indicated that Map 6 is supposed to be an extension of the downtown plan, and she would have liked to see that extended to the peninsula for preliminary protection of buildings. She indicated that there are currently three properties in the old south suburb that are up for demolition, and questioned how to create the desire to want to own heritage properties.

Chair indicated that there should be unanimity if the committee were to make a submission. He encouraged all members to provide comments individually.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested having a tax reduction for heritage properties, similar to tax exemptions for housing co-ops.

Mr. Breckenridge noted that these funds could be used as a pool for repairs to heritage properties.

Ms. Morris indicated that a tax reduction would be more desirable than heritage property grants because it would benefit all heritage properties. She noted that the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia has discussed a scenario where heritage property owners would pay half of their property taxes and the other half would go to a ledger, where the property owner would have to repay those ledger taxes if the building were demolished. This would create a disincentive for demolishing heritage properties.

MOVED by William Breckenridge, seconded by Janet Morris,

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee request that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to explore different tax incentives for registered heritage properties in heritage conservation districts that would help in the maintenance of heritage buildings.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 December 1, 2016 Public Information Meeting

The Chair advised that a Public Information Meeting will be hosted by the Heritage Advisory Committee on December 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall, regarding Case H00427 – Application for Demolition of a registered municipal heritage property located at 1333-35 Barrington Street, and Case H00428 – Application for Demolition of a registered municipal heritage property located at 1349-53 Barrington Street, Halifax. He encouraged members to attend.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 25, 2017

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant