

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 22, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT: Ms. Catherine Thibeault, Vice Chair
Ms. Susan Carroll
Mr. Stephen Terauds
Mr. Mark Archibald
Mr. Adam Conter
Ms. Carly Sorensen
Ms. Tori Jarvis
Ms. Margie MacDonald
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Jennifer Watts

ABSENT: Mr. Arthur Irwin (regrets)
Ms. Lisa Miller

STAFF: Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Mr. Terauds, seconded by Ms. Jarvis that the minutes of March 25, 2009 be approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED by Ms. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Conter that the agenda, as presented, be approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

5. **DEFERRED ITEMS:**

5.1 **Election of Chair**

The Vice Chair called for nominations for Chair.

MOVED by Ms. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Conter that Stephen Terauds be nominated for Chair.

Mr. Terauds accepted the nomination.

The Vice Chair called three times for further nominations; there being none, Mr. Terauds was declared Chair for 2009.

At the request of Mr. Terauds, Ms. Thibeault Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:**

6.1 **Correspondence:** None

6.2 **Petitions:** None

6.3 **Presentations:**

6.3.1 **Friends of Schmidtville**

The following information was submitted:

- A letter dated January 2, 2009 from Larry Haiven, Friends of Schmidtville Steering Committee
- Written submission entitled, *Rationale for Schmidtville Heritage Conservation*

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- A letter dated March 16, 2009 from Mr. Bill Plaskett, HRM Heritage Planner, with an attached Information Report dated February 3, 2009 entitled, *Schmidville: Request for MPS Amendment*.

Ms. Barb Webber began the presentation by providing background information on Schmidville. She advised that it is the area bounded by Spring Garden Road, Queen Street, the cemeteries and South Park Street, and noted that it is the one of the oldest and well preserved residential neighbourhoods in the City.

At 3:06 p.m. Councillor Nicoll entered the meeting.

Ms. Webber circulated colour photographs depicting the various dwellings that make up the neighbourhood and explained that because of the concern about the high rise buildings and encroachment, the Association of the Friends of Schmidville was created in the fall of 2008. She noted that they have applied to Regional Council to have the area designated as a Heritage Conservation District.

Mr. Larry Haiven then reviewed the concerns the Association has with development possibilities in and around Schmidville, including those of HRM by Design. He advised that the approval of the Trillium site caught the neighbours off-guard, and they did not have time to prepare and respond before it was approved. As a result of this the neighbours forged together and agreed to be more proactive. Mr. Haiven pointed out that, at one time, Schmidville used to extend to Sackville Street, but in the 1950's urban redevelopment projects took away much Schmidville. Mr. Haiven indicated that Friends of Schmidville want to ensure there is no more erosion of the residential area that is left, and that the heritage character of the neighbourhood is maintained and development is in keeping with the character of the area.

Mr. Haiven advised that when they applied for the heritage designation, they found out that it would only be considered after a number of other applications. They were here today to see if there was any assistance that the Committee could offer to help expedite their application. He noted that Schmidville does not have the complicated issues associated with it that other proposed heritage districts have, and that they do not want to be left waiting for years before the application is considered.

Mr. Haiven added that the Association is also concerned about areas outside the residential, advising that they met with HRM by Design staff a couple of weeks ago, and found out that the height limit of the area next to the Trillium development is 165 ft. In addition, he noted that there are two parking lots within the area, and there is concern that the wishes for development on these lots that expressed during public consultation two years ago (mainly residential), will not be kept.

Mr. Haiven and Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, responded to questions.

Mr. Stephen Terauds advised that he was the Heritage Advisory Committee's representative on the Urban Design Task Force. On a point of clarification, he advised that Schmidville is not outside of the HRMbyDesign Plan, but it is outside of the HRMbyDesign Downtown Plan which Council will be considering shortly. He suggested that if this matter

has not been brought forward to the HRMbyDesign Task Force, then Mr. Haiven should bring it forward.

In response to a question, Ms. Holm advised that if HRMbyDesign is approved, there are two areas already slated for review for heritage district designation. She suggested that if the Association wants to get their case heard, the best option would be to be placed on the priority list of heritage districts after the initial two areas have been dealt with.

Following further discussion with Ms. Holm responding to questions, it was **MOVED by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Macdonald that the information presented today regarding the concerns of development possibilities in and around Schmidville be forwarded to the Urban Design Task Force. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

6.4 Updates from HAC Members - HRM Committees and HAC Sub-committees:
None.

7. REPORTS:

7.1 Case H00226 - Application to Consider 7910, Highway #7, Musquodoboit Harbour as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property

A staff report dated April 7, 2009 was submitted.

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, provided a presentation of a request by Donald and Sharron Guild to consider 7910 Highway #7, Musquodoboit Harbour, as a municipal heritage property. In her remarks she noted that the property owners live in Mississippi, and that this is their family home, going back four generations. She added that the Guild's use it primarily as a summer residence; and out of concern of preserving the family house for future generations, they have applied to have it designated as a heritage property.

Ms. Holm responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee reviewed and evaluated the property according to the Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Buildings, and scored it as follows:

Criterion	Highest Possible Score	Score Awarded
1. Age	25	13
2. a) Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups OR 2. b) Important/Unique Architectural Style or Highly Representative of an Era	20	15
3. Significance of Architect/Builder	10	0
4. a) Architectural Merit: Construction type/building technology	10	4

4. b) Architectural Merit: Style	10	6
5. Architectural Integrity	15	14
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	9
Total	100	61

Score necessary for designation 50

Designation Recommended? YES NO

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the application; and**
- 2. Approve the registration of 7910, Highway #7, Musquodoboit Harbour as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property as shown on Map 1 of the April 7, 2009 staff report, under the HRM Heritage Property Program.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 8. ADDED ITEMS: None**
- 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 27, 2009**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant