

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 26, 2008

PRESENT: Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Ms. Catherine Thibeault
Ms. Susan Carroll
Ms. Lisa Miller
Mr. Arthur Irwin
Mr. Michael Cross

REGRETS: Councillor Robert Harvey
Mr. Stephen Terauds
Mr. Ryan Deschamps

STAFF: Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner
Ms. 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 3:05 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

The Chair noted that, although there had been previous discussion about holding a December meeting, staff do not need the Committee to meet in December. Mr. Plaskett suggested that the Committee have a social in lieu of a meeting. He indicated that staff would arrange this.

The Chair read a letter of resignation from Mr. Ryan Deschamps. He noted that Mr. Deschamps has indicated his work schedule prevents him from participating in the Committee in the way he would like to be involved.

The Chair noted that, with two vacancies on the Committee, and that five members' terms will expire at the end of December, there are currently seven vacancies to be filled.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Ms. Carroll that the minutes of October 22, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

8.1 January Meeting (Maggie Holm)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

5. DEFERRED ITEMS: None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

6.1 Correspondence: None

6.2 Petitions: None

6.3 Presentations: None

6.4 Updates from HAC Members - HRM Committees and HAC Sub-committees

Mr. Cross noted that the Cultural Advisory Committee's term was extended to the end of the December. He advised that the Committee had met in early November and is focusing on its mandate and the idea of re-establishing the Committee as a cultural liaison committee.

7. REPORTS:

7.1 Case H00230: Alterations to Registered Heritage Property, 5651 Inglis Street

A staff report dated November 12, 2008 was submitted.

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner reviewed the application by Mr. David Gamble to build a storage shed in the side yard of the registered heritage property (Murray House) at 5651 Inglis Street, Halifax.

Mr. Plaskett explained that this property is part of the Inglis Street Heritage Streetscape, and although the matter under consideration is minor in nature, it still requires consideration by the Committee. He explained that the property owner has a small storage shed under construction and is almost complete. Mr. Plaskett advised that staff issued a stop work order when it was discovered that the owner did not have a development permit; and as well, the owner needs the approval of the Heritage Advisory Committee. He added that the property owner has applied for a variance, and it was granted by staff and there have been no appeals by adjacent property owners. Mr. Plaskett concluded his remarks by noting that staff approve of the shed since it is set back from the front of the building, and the owner has proposed to plant bushes in front of the building as way to try and conceal it somewhat. He added that, overall, staff feel it meets the required standards, however the quality of materials being used could be improved.

Mr. Plaskett responded to questions.

In response to a question by Ms. Miller regarding the shed's set-back on the lot, Mr. Plaskett advised that property owner has concerns over security issues because people are cutting through his yard. The shed will prevent people from cutting through and its positioning on the lot will still allow for some backyard space for his children to play.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Ms. Miller that the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the storage shed as outlined in the November 12, 2008 staff report, with the condition that the front face of the shed be shingled and trimmed in a similar manner to the house. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS:

8.1 January Meeting

Ms. Holm Advised that Mr. Andy Fillmore, Project Manager, HRMbyDesign would like present the *HRM By Design: Barrington Street Conservation District Plan* to the Committee on January 14, 2009. She added that the final draft of the Plan is due to be sent out before Christmas.

The Chair also noted the Bloomfield Plan is supposed to go to Regional Council in December and that there is a possible heritage component to that Plan. He questioned if there is the intention to register those heritage properties.

Ms. Holm indicated she would have to look into this and report back.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2009 (regular); January 14, 2009 (special - to be confirmed)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant