

**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 23, 2008
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mr. Tom Creighton, Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Bob Harvey
Mr. Michael Cross
Ms. Susan Carroll
Mr. Ryan Deschamps
Mr. Arthur Irwin
Ms. Catherine Thibeault
Mr. Paul Shakotko
Mr. Stephen Terauds
Ms. Lisa Miller

REGRETS:

Mr. Mark Pothier

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 3:07 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

At this time, nominations were accepted for the position of Chair.

MOVED by Paul Shakotko, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Mr. Tom Creighton be re-elected Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Arthur Irwin, that Councillor Bob Harvey be elected Vice-Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - November 28 & December 12, 2007

Ms. Miller noted that she was present at the November 28th meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Paul Shakotko, that the minutes of November 28 & December 12, 2007 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition:

8.1 Case 00897 - Heritage Development Agreement - Gerrard Lodge, 1234 Barrington Street, Halifax

The Committee agreed to move items 7.2 and 7.3 as the first and second order of business.
The agenda was agreed upon as amended.

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

The Committee discussed the Heritage Matters binders that are provided to Committee members. It was noted that Ms. Miller and Mr. Cross need the binders, and Ms. Holm indicated she will be providing members with updated inserts at a future meeting.

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** - None

7. **REPORTS**

- 7.1 **Case H00206: Application to consider 5755 Sackville Street, Halifax, as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property**

This matter was addressed later in the meeting. See page 6.

- 7.2 **Case H00211 - Application to consider 11 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Halifax, as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property**

C A staff report dated December 12, 2007 on the above noted was before the Committee.

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, advised that this is a request by the property owner to consider 11 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Halifax, as a municipal heritage property. Ms. Holm reviewed the staff report with the Committee.

Ms. Alfreda Withrow, research consultant, reviewed the historical research for 11 St. Margaret's Bay Road (included as Attachment B to the staff report) including the age, ownership, relationship to personage, and architectural merit of the building. Ms. Withrow also reviewed a submission from the property owner.

Ms. Holm responded to questions from the Committee at this time.

The Committee scored the property as follows, as per the Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Buildings:

Criterion	Highest Possible Score	Score Awarded
1. Age	25	9

2. a) Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups OR 2. b) Important/Unique Architectural Style or Highly Representative of an Era	20	17
3. Significance of Architect/Builder	10	0
4. a) Architectural Merit: Construction type/building technology	10	8
4. b) Architectural Merit: Style	10	7
5. Architectural Integrity	15	10
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	8
Total	100	59

SCORE NECESSARY FOR DESIGNATION 50

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Lisa Miller, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. **Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider an application for registration of 11 St. Margaret’s Bay Road, Halifax, as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property; and**
2. **Approve the registration of 11 St. Margaret’s Bay Road, Halifax, (shown in Map 1 of the December 12, 2007 staff report) under the HRM Heritage Property Program.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 Case H00213 - Substantial alteration to 5820 Spring Garden Road, Halifax (Sacred Heart School Revised Plans)

C A staff report dated December 13, 2007 was before the Committee.

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, advised that previous plans for the Sacred Heart School were approved by the Committee and Council in August 2007, however, due to financial constraints, the plans have been revised and are before the Committee again for recommendation to Council. Mr. Plaskett compared the previous and current proposals, and reviewed the staff report with the Committee.

Mr. Plaskett and Mr. Vincent VanDenbrink, Lyndon Lynch Architects, responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Lisa Miller, seconded by Stephen Terauds, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the revised plans for an addition to Sacred Heart School, 5820 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, as outlined in the December 13, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1 Case H00206: Application to consider 5755 Sackville Street, Halifax, as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property

C A staff report dated November 8, 2007 on the above noted was before the Committee.

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, advised that in June of 2006, HRM staff determined that the HRM owned Wanderers Grounds Dry Canteen, located at 5755 Sackville Street, Halifax, was surplus and in a deteriorated state, and as such, was slated for demolition. She indicated that local historians came forward with reasons for the historical significance of the building and in January 2007 Council approved redirecting the budgeted demolition funds toward restoration of the building and approved moving forward its formal heritage registration. Ms. Holm reviewed the staff report with the Committee.

The Committee scored the property as follows, as per the Evaluation Criteria for Registration of Heritage Buildings:

Criterion	Highest Possible Score	Score Awarded
1. Age	25	5
2. a) Relationship to Important Occasions, Institutions, Personages or Groups OR 2. b) Important/Unique Architectural Style or Highly Representative of an Era	20	20
3. Significance of Architect/Builder	10	0
4. a) Architectural Merit: Construction type/building technology	10	3
4. b) Architectural Merit: Style	10	5
5. Architectural Integrity	15	9
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10	10

Total	100	52
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SCORE NECESSARY FOR DESIGNATION 50

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Arthur Irwin, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider an application for registration of 5575 Sackville Street as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property; and**
- 2. Approve the registration of 5755 Sackville Street, Halifax, (shown in Map 1 of the November 8, 2007 staff report) under the HRM Heritage Property Program.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Case 00897 - Heritage Development Agreement - Gerrard Lodge, 1234 Barrington Street, Halifax

C A staff report dated December 21, 2007 was before the Committee.

Ms. Randa Wheaton advised that this is a request by Geoff Keddy and Associates Limited, on behalf of the owner, 3146051 Nova Scotia Limited, for a development agreement to permit the conversion of an existing rooming house to four condominium units and the construction of a three unit condominium townhouse building at the rear of a registered heritage property at 1234 Barrington Street, Halifax. Ms. Wheaton reviewed the staff report with the Committee.

Ms. Wheaton and the applicant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Michael Cross, seconded by Susan Carroll, that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to Gerrard Lodge, a registered heritage property at 1234 Barrington Street, Halifax. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - February 27, 2008

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in Halifax Hall, second floor, City Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant

The following information items were before the Committee:

1. Correspondence to Heritage Property owners
2. Correspondence from the Mayor to Prime Minister Harper, et al., re: Proposed Federal Tax Incentives - Preservation of Heritage Buildings
3. Email from Kevin Barrett, NS Heritage Property Program re: HAC invitation