

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

DISTRICT 12 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 MINUTES

PRESENT: Heather Ternoway, Chair
Clary Kempton
Beverly Miller
Mia Rankin
Councillor Dawn Sloane

STAFF: Gail Harnish, Admin/PAC Coordinator
Sherryl Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Ms. Murphy briefly reviewed the process for the selection of Chair and Vice-Chair and opened the floor to nominations.

MOVED by Beverly Miller, seconded by Clary Kempton that Heather Ternoway be nominated for the position of Chair of the District 12 PAC.

Ms. Murphy called three times for further nominations and hearing none it was **MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Ms. Rankin that nominations cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Murphy congratulated Ms. Ternoway on being selected as Chair and turned the conduct of the meeting over to Ms. Ternoway.

MOVED by Clary Kempton, seconded by Mia Rankin that Beverly Miller be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the District 12 PAC.

The Chair called three times for further nominations and hearing none it was **MOVED by Ms. Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sloane that nominations cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Chair congratulated Ms. Miller on being selected as Vice-Chair.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Ms. Miller, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the agenda, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2003**

MOVED by Ms. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Kempton that the minutes of May 26, 2003, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

6. CASE 00400 - HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS - SUBDIVISION OF EXISTING SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS

- A staff report dated August 28, 2003 prepared for Paul Dunphy, Director of Planning and Development Services, was before the Committee for consideration.

Mr. Paul Sampson, Planner, briefly reviewed the August 29, 2003 report and noted that the amendments will, basically, allow existing semi-detached dwellings which at the present time are not able to be subdivided to do just that. Mr. Sampson noted that all the issues identified can be handled at the subdivision level.

Mr. Sampson responded questions from members of the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Mr. Kempton that Peninsula Community Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law as shown in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated August 28, 2003, and schedule a public hearing for November 10, 2003.**
- 2. Approve the amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law as shown in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated August 28, 2003.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. PRESENTATION - REGIONAL PLANNING - STATUS AND RELEASE OF WORKBOOK

- The Regional Planning Workbook, "Directing the Action", was distributed to members of the Committee. Also distributed were the Regional Planning Newsletters for July and August, 2003.

Andrew Whittemore, Regional Planning, gave a brief presentation relative the status of the Regional Planning process and introduced the Regional Planning Workbook. Mr. Whittemore noted that all Planning Advisory Committees would play an important role in the process and that updates relative to the Regional Plan would be a regular feature on the agendas of the various Planning Advisory Committees.

Mr. Whittemore responded to a number of questions.

Note was made that there were some difficulties with regard to completing the questionnaire

online. Mr. Whittemore indicated that he would follow up on these concerns. He went on to advise that the deadline for submission of the workbook is October 3, 2003.

In response to a concern regarding how the Regional Plan will impact the present Municipal Planning Strategy and sub-plans, Mr. Whittemore noted that it is not intended that the Regional Plan replace these other plans. He indicated that the Regional Plan is a policy statement relative to the Region. Mr. Whittemore went on to suggest that the Regional Plan may include the framework to amend those plans. In conclusion, Mr. Whittemore noted that there will be changes, however there will always be community plans.

The Chair thanked Mr. Whittemore for his presentation.

8. STATUS UPDATES

8.1 Monthly Status Sheet

The Committee reviewed the status sheet. The following items are those of import to this Planning Advisory Committee:

- < Case 00572 - Amend MPS for Height Precincts, South End, Halifax **(Public Information Meeting to be held on October 30, 2003)**
- < Case 00605 - 19 storey mixed commercial/residential development at Grafton/Prince & Market Streets
- < Case 00613 - Application by HRM for possible amendments to height & coverage provisions
- < Case 00616 - Amendments throughout HRM for cottages/tourist accommodations
- < Case 00400 - Amend By-laws to allow as of right subdivision of existing semi-detached buildings **(Dealt with earlier in the meeting)**

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting date is Monday, October 27, 2003.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.