
Halifax Regional Council
March 19, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: P. Halliday
for Allan MacLellan, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE: March 14, 2002

SUBJECT: **Heritage Case H00080 - Plaques for Registered Heritage Properties
within the Halifax Regional Municipality**

ORIGIN

This report originates from a staff initiative to create a heritage plaque to identify municipal heritage properties registered by the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

RECOMMENDATION

The Heritage Advisory Committee **recommends** that Regional Council approved the proposed Heritage Plaque for Halifax Regional Municipality as described in the staff report to the Committee dated February 18, 2002 (attached).

BACKGROUND

See attached staff report dated February 18, 2002.

DISCUSSION

This matter was discussed at the February 27, 2002 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee. At that time, the Committee unanimously approved the proposed heritage plaque for HRM.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Staff report to the Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 18, 2002.
- 2) Colour rendition of the proposed Heritage Plaque

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Report Prepared by: Patti Halliday, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Report Approved by: Allan MacLellan, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee



Heritage Advisory Committee
February 27, 2002

TO: Heritage Advisory Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Paul Dunphy, Director of Planning & Development Services


Kevin Barrett, Planner

DATE: February 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Heritage Case H00080 - Plaques for Registered Heritage Properties
within the Halifax Regional Municipality

STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

This report originates from a staff initiative to create a heritage plaque to identify municipal heritage properties registered by the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the proposed Heritage Plaque for Halifax Regional Municipality (see Attachment 1), as described in this report.

BACKGROUND

At the time of amalgamation, the various heritage property programs for the four respective municipalities were assimilated into the HRM's Heritage Property Program (By-law Number H-200). The transition simply combined the four distinct regulations into the one new program. At that time, there were no directions as to the development of a heritage plaque to identify those properties registered by the Regional Council of HRM.

Prior to amalgamation, each respective unit identified their registered heritage properties with plaques. Such plaques varied in design and material, and ranged from brass plaques in the former City of Dartmouth to enamel plaques in the former City of Halifax. Common features included identifying the name of the registered property and the year it was constructed.

Since amalgamation, Regional Council has registered seven properties, with eight properties under consideration. Staff have also found there are a number of properties that have not been properly identified, or their plaques have been significantly damaged or destroyed. To date, there is a need for at least 25 plaques.

DISCUSSION

Since 2001, staff have initiated the development of a new heritage plaque for HRM. Working with the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), staff representation from both Heritage and Marketing & Design Services, a framework for the design of such a plaque was developed.

The new plaque should be easily identified; contain the Coat of Arms for HRM; define it as part of the registry for the HRM; define the historic name of the property (name of the first home owner or significant resident); define the date the building was constructed; be durable; and be cost effective. It was also agreed that all properties that are registered must display such a plaque.

Based on the review, it was found that the large oval enamel plaque used by the former City of Halifax was highly visible and could be modified in its design for HRM. To respect the other former units that now comprise HRM, the proposed oval plaque should differ in color and composition.

The proposed design of the Heritage Plaque for HRM is provided in Attachment 1. As shown, the plaque will be oval in shape, will contain the HRM Coat of Arms, and green in color. The color was chosen to compliment the colors found in the Coat of Arms and to differ it significantly from those plaques of the former City of Halifax. The area below the Coat of Arms will contain the name of the building and the year it was constructed. This design was reviewed and supported by the HAC.

Based on this proposed design, staff have received a quote of approximately \$300.00 per plaque (not installed).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Planning & Development Services had allotted monies in the 2001-02 Budget for this item. The amount will cover the cost of 25 plaques.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN:

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

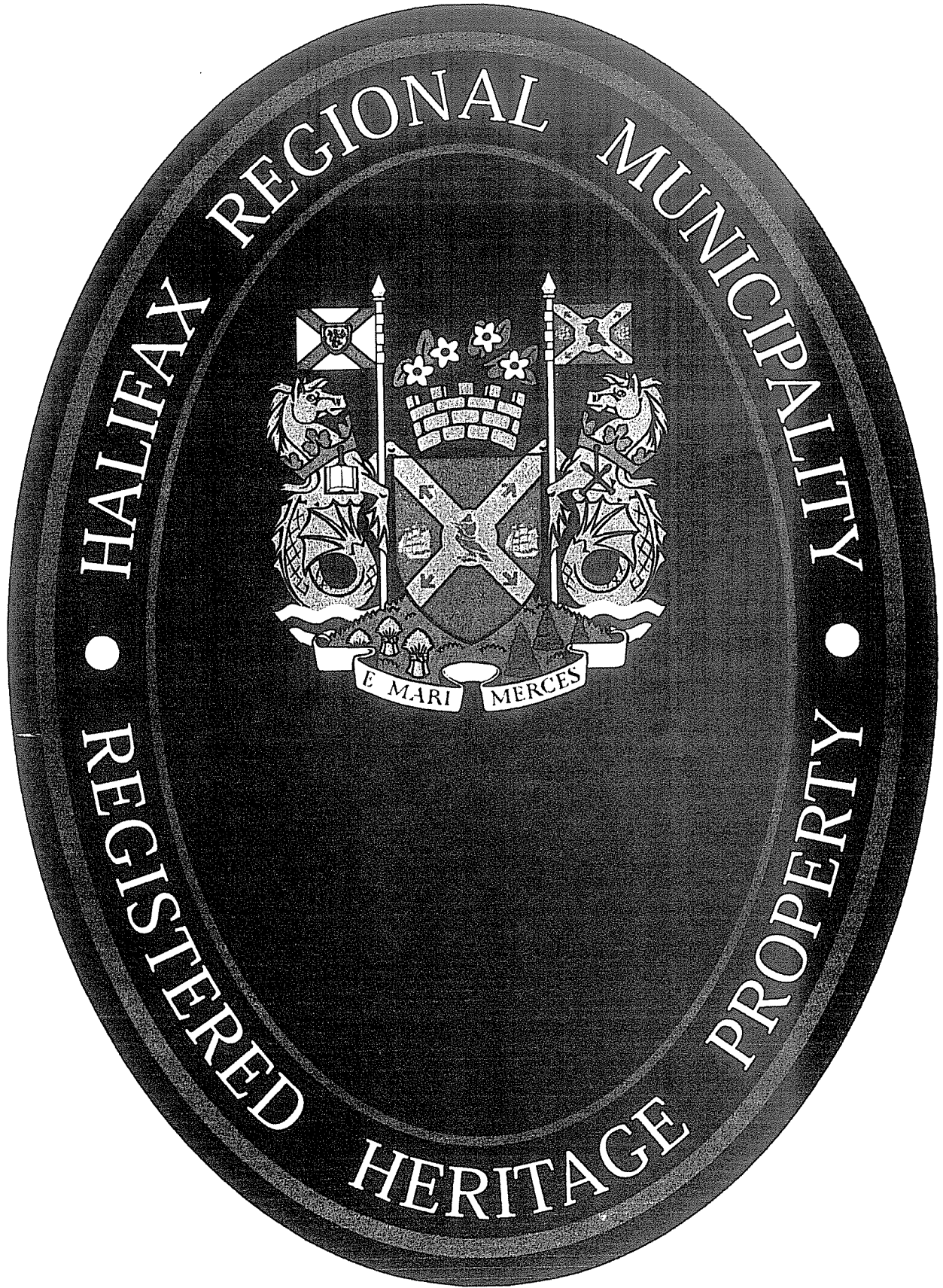
ALTERNATIVES:

Staff recommend the Heritage Advisory Committee provide a positive recommendation to Regional Council. However, should the Heritage Advisory Committee not recommend the proposal, the Report will be forwarded to Regional Council for review.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Proposed Heritage Plaque for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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