



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 23, 2017**

PRESENT: Jason Cooke, Chair
Aurora Camaño, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Richard Zurawski
Janet Morris
Dylan Ames
William Breckenridge
Derek Bellemore
Melanie Baker
Iona Stoddard
Miranda Romkey

REGRETS: David Williamson

STAFF: Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage, Planning & Development
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m., and adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Election of Vice Chair was held, to fill the position that will be left vacant with the resignation of Aurora Camaño, this being their last meeting.

The following members put their names forward for the position of Vice Chair:

- William Breckenridge
- Janet Morris
- Iona Stoddard
- David Williamson (through the Chair in their absence)

A vote by secret ballot was held to elect a Vice Chair by majority vote.

Iona Stoddard was declared Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Iona Stoddard

THAT the minutes of July 26, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 12.1 Verbal update – Schmidville Heritage Conservation District
- 12.2 Verbal update – Renaming of Municipal Assets

Deletion:

- 10.1 Request for Financial Assistance and to enter into a Heritage Agreement with St. Paul's Church, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage, Planning and Development, indicated that the report for this matter was not ready in time for this meeting and asked the Committee's consideration to schedule a special meeting within the next few weeks to consider this matter. Aaron Murnaghan advised that this matter is time sensitive to meet a Federal funding application deadline of September 20th, noting that the matter also must go before the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and Regional Council before that date.

The Committee agreed to consider a special meeting for this matter, details to be determined soon.

MOVED by Iona Stoddard, seconded by Derek Bellemore

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Case H00451: Substantial Alteration to Finntigh Mara, 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, a municipally registered heritage property

The following information was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated June 19, 2017.

This matter was before the Heritage Advisory Committee at their July 26, 2017 meeting, at which time the Committee voted on the staff recommendation to recommend to Regional Council approval of the substantial alteration. The motion was defeated. The Committee discussed the alternatives listed on page 6 of the June 19, 2017 staff report and did not put forward either alternative at that time.

The matter is being brought back to the Committee to seek clarification of the Committee's intent prior to moving this matter forward to Regional Council, given that no alternative recommendation was put forward at the July 26, 2017 meeting following the defeat of the staff recommendation.

The Committee discussed the matter further, with the following points raised:

- Comments that there was not enough information provided the first time this matter was brought before the Committee, and since a site visit to the property, the member understands that the subdivision of the property as proposed would be best.
- Concern that since the cultural landscape is not considered one of the heritage defining elements listed in the heritage registration, that the two parcels separated from the parcel with the main house would lose their heritage context.
- Parcel B should maintain some access to the waterfront.
- Concern that this is one of the few remaining historic estate properties on the North-West Arm.

MOVED by Miranda Romkey, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council refuse the proposed substantial alteration to Finntigh Mara, 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, as outlined in the staff report dated June 19, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions - None

8.3 Presentation - None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 Request for Financial Assistance and to enter into a Heritage Agreement with St. Paul's Church, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax

This matter was deleted from the agenda earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 2.

10.3 2017 Provincial Heritage Conference Committee Update

Aaron Murnaghan provided a brief update on the 2017 Provincial Heritage Conference which will be held on November 1 – 3, 2017, at The Westin Nova Scotian, in Halifax.

11. HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEES UPDATES (Verbal)

11.1 Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee

Aurora Camaño updated that the Committee is waiting on the development of financial incentives for the proposed heritage conservation district, and no meetings have been held lately.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Verbal update – Schmitville Heritage Conservation District

William Breckenridge indicated that staff have advised of a September staff report target to Council on this matter.

12.2 Verbal update – Renaming of Municipal Assets

The Committee discussed recent events and discussions in the news regarding the names of historical figures on municipal assets in Halifax, such as streets, statues, plaques, etc.

Aaron Murnaghan updated the Committee that on April 25, 2017, Regional Council directed staff to create a Terms of Reference and recommendation of an expert panel to address the Cornwallis statue and street and other Cornwallis assets and commemoration of First Nations history in Halifax. This will be coming back to Council in late September, and Council may choose at that time to broaden the scope to other municipal assets. This process may give staff the tools to look at these issues in a more uniform manner.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 27, 2017

The next regular meeting will be held on September 27, 2017. A special meeting may be called in early September for a Request for Financial Assistance and to enter into a Heritage Agreement with St. Paul's Church, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant