



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 12, 2017**

PRESENT: Iona Stoddard, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Richard Zurawski
Janet Morris
David Williamson
Dylan Ames
William Breckenridge
Melanie Baker

REGRETS: Jason Cooke, Chair
Derek Bellemore
Miranda Romkey

STAFF: Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Planning & Development
John MacPherson, Manager, Corporate Facility Design & Construction
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m., and adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

4. REPORTS

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

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 17, 2017

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage, Planning & Development, presented the staff report. John MacPherson, Manager, Corporate Facility Design & Construction, was in attendance to respond to questions. A copy of the staff presentation is on file and on line.

Responding to questions from the Committee, staff clarified:

- The ironstone wall and cast iron fence has been in place since 1843 when the grade of the Grand Parade was leveled.
- HRM intends to repair and restore the wall and fence, reusing original materials as much as possible.
- The restoration and repair work will be conducted in accordance with the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* and the *Special Places Protection Act*, including having the excavation around the wall completed under the supervision of an archaeologist.
- Work must be completed by the end of March 2018, as per the funding requirements with Parks Canada.

The Committee discussed the need for the entirety of the wall and fence along the perimeter of the Grand Parade to be restored. Staff clarified that they are starting the restoration at the corner of Argyle and Prince Streets, moving northward toward City Hall for this phase of the restoration, since that is the most deteriorated section. Staff and St. Paul's Church are working to identify other funding opportunities to continue the restoration and repair of the wall and fence over the next few years.

Concerns were noted with potential damage and/or vandalism that could occur to the St. Paul's Church if the church grounds were opened to the public, as mentioned in the letter from the Church (Attachment B of the staff report). Staff suggested that the church may not allow 24 hour access to the grounds, or may make the grounds a part of a tour.

The Committee discussed talking a walk around the site, but decided against it as most were familiar with the condition of the wall and fence.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the provision of in-kind financial assistance of a value up to but not exceeding \$500,000, with a net municipal project cost up to but not exceeding \$250,000, to the Parish of St. Paul's for the restoration of a portion of the perimeter ironstone wall and cast iron fencing surrounding St. Paul's Church in accordance with the Heritage Agreement as found as Attachment A, with funding as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the August 17, 2017 staff report, conditional upon:
 - a. the execution of the Heritage Agreement with the Parish of St. Paul's, and its registration at the Land Registry Office; and**
 - b. the execution of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada;****
- 2. Approve the proposed Heritage Agreement as found at Attachment A of the August 17, 2017 staff report with the owner of the municipal heritage property located at 1749 Argyle Street, to restore a portion of the perimeter ironstone wall and cast iron fencing in accordance with the terms contained therein; and**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Heritage Agreement as found as Attachment A of the August 17, 2017 staff report within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on the request of the applicant, from the date of this approval by Halifax Regional Council and any other bodies as necessary whichever approval is later, including any applicable appeal periods; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

Councillor Hendsbee noted that a special Audit and Finance Standing Committee meeting has been scheduled to consider this matter next Tuesday morning, September 19, 2017, and then bring the matter to Regional Council that same day, to meet the Parks Canada application deadline of September 20, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 27, 2017

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant