



**DISTRICTS 7 & 8 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 26, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mason  
Mr. Brenden Sommerhalder, Chair  
Ms. Katherine Kitching, Vice Chair  
Mr. Michael Bradfield  
Mr. Adam Conter  
Mr. Adam Hayter  
Mr. John Czenze  
Mr. Michael Haddad  
Ms. Sunday Miller

**REGRETS:** Mr. Michael Bradfield  
Councillor Watts

**STAFF:** Ms. Dali Salih, Planner  
Mr. Andrew Reid, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the District 7&8  
Planning Advisory Committee are available online:  
<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/D78PAC/140526d78pac-agenda.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. after being moved from the Media Room to its new location in Halifax Hall, and the Committee adjourned at 4:03 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 28, 2014 and May 5, 2014 public meeting**

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Mr. Hayter, that the minutes of April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting, 2014 be deferred until the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Mr. Haddad that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES -- NONE**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 STAFF**

**7.1.1 Case 19185 - Application by the Canadian Cancer Society to discharge their existing development agreement and enter into a new development agreement to expand existing accommodation facilities and office uses at 5826 South Street and 1188 Wellington Street, Halifax.**

The following was before the District 7&8 Planning Advisory Committee:

- *A staff memorandum dated May 9, 2014.*

Ms. Salih, Planner, made a presentation regarding Case 19185. Ms. Salih gave the location, context, history, height, zoning and permitted uses of the subject site, Daffodil Place. Ms. Salih also displayed renderings of the proposed addition to the site and explained pertinent South End Secondary Planning Strategy policies. Ms. Salih outlined the current arrangement the applicant has with parking on the Gorsebrook Lands for parking. Finally, Ms. Salih stated that the feedback sought from the Committee would primarily be regarding building design, height, materials, and landscaping.

Mr. Sommerhalder thanked Ms. Salih and explained to the Committee the nature of their recommendations and what was in the Committee's scope.

Ms. Kitching inquired about whether there had been a public information meeting regarding this application. Ms. Salih responded that since this application was based on a previous application, a public information meeting had been substituted for a mail out notification performed on May 12, 2014. Councillor Mason added that he had recommended to Staff that a Public Information Meeting was not necessary in this case due to the previous application.

The Committee engaged in a conversation with Ms. Salih on "fit" and how the addition related to the existing building and neighbourhood, primarily in terms of materials and landscaping. The Committee inquired into the consistency of the addition with the existing building. At the same time, members of the Committee recognized that cost effectiveness should be kept in mind while examining the design.

Councillor Mason asked that there be no restrictions written in the development agreement regarding the addition's brick matching the existing building's and that this be noted for the record. Councillor Mason stated that he did not want to see the application prolonged if the applicant was unable to meet a prescription for matching brick.

Ms. Kitching stated that she was interested if the proposal could possess a greater residential feel on the Wellington side of the Street.

Mr. Hayter inquired into the copper cladding of the proposed addition's façade. The applicant responded that the R value would remain the same on this section, as there were no windows beneath the cladding and that the floor plan was not set up to have windows on this section.

Mr. Sommerhalder asked for consensus from the Committee regarding a list of comments for consideration in formulating the Committee's recommendation.

From a list of comments ranging from greater consistency and matching, to greenscaping on Wellington, and securing long term parking access, the Committee settled on the following comment to be included as part of their motion: soft landscaping on Wellington Street to maintain the pedestrian experience.

Councillor Mason inquired into the responsibility for landscaping: whether it would fall to HRM or the non-profit. Ms. Salih answered that there are opportunities to put in trees as per the Urban Forest Master Plan, but suggested soft landscaping as an option that may be included in the development agreement.

**MOVED by Adam Conter, SECONDED by Michael Haddad that the District 7&8 Planning Advisory Committee recommends to the Halifax and West Community Council that the proposal be approved as presented with added attention to the pedestrian and patient experience on Wellington Street through soft landscaping.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- 8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**
- 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 23, 2014**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Andrew Reid  
Legislative Assistant