Design Review Committee – 2018 Summary

This summary is not an official record of all work and recommendations made in 2018. For more detail, please refer to the approved minutes available online at <u>https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports</u>

The Design Review Committee serves the Downtown Halifax Land Use Bylaw area. The principal roles of the Design Review Committee are to review site plan approval applications for substantive site plan approval, and consider whether or to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based on the requirements and consistency with the Design Manual, in addition to advising Council on potential amendments to regulation and policy relating to the Downtown Halifax Land Use Bylaw Area.

February 2, 2018

The Committee reviewed Case 21461: Substantive Site Plan Approval – 1451 & 1435 Hollis Street, Halifax and approved the following motion:

THAT the Design Review Committee:

1. Approve the qualitative elements of the substantive site plan approval application for a residential building at 1451 & 1435 Hollis St, Halifax as shown in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated January 2, 2018; and

2. Approve the requested variances to the Land Use By-law requirements regarding minimum ground floor height, streetwall height, and maximum height, as contained in Attachment C of the staff report dated January 2, 2018; and

3. Accept the findings of the qualitative wind impact assessment, as contained in Attachment D dated January 2, 2018.

March 8, 2018

The Committee reviewed Case 21538: Substantive Site Plan Approval – 1505 Barrington Street, Halifax (Maritime Centre) and approved the following motion:

THAT the Design Review Committee:

1. Approve the qualitative elements of the substantive site plan approval application for the commercial development on lands located at 1505 Barrington Street, Halifax, as contained in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 28, 2018, with the condition that the proposed garage door at Salter Street be permitted if additional distinctive architectural treatments such as:

- public art along the concrete wall between the parking exit and the new glass entrance (corner of Barrington and Salter Streets); or
- architectural/design treatments along the concrete wall between the parking exit and the new glass entrance (corner of Barrington and Salter Streets)

2. Accept the findings of the qualitative wind impact assessment, as contained in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 28, 2018; and

3. It is further recommended that the applicant consider a commercial use on Salter Street near the parking entrance, which shall meet all the provisions of the Downtown Halifax Land Use Bylaw.

September 13, 2018

The Committee received a preliminary presentation from Fougere Menchenton regarding a 1874 Brunswick Street Development, and requested a presentation from staff regarding non-substantive amendments to site-plan approvals. December 13, 2018

The Committee received a preliminary presentation from Southwest Properties and Develop Nova Scotia regarding a 1325 Lower Water Street Cunard Development and Cunard Open Space project. They also received a staff presentation regarding the Development Officer's role and the Land Use By-Law.