



**COMMUNITY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 26, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Fred Morley, Chair  
Gaynor Watson-Creed, Vice Chair  
William Book  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Richard Zurawski

**REGRETS:** Dale Godsoe  
Joanne Macrae  
Eric Burchill

**STAFF:** Kate Green, Planning and Development  
Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Development  
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk  
Sharon Chase, Legislative Support

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*The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. and adjourned at 1:00 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2016**

MOVED by Mr. Book, seconded by Councillor Mason

**That the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting of the Community Design Advisory Committee be approved as *presented*.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Chair advised that a report communicating the Committee's recommendation regarding data sources for monitoring of the Centre Plan has been forwarded from Community Planning and Economic Development to the Halifax Regional Council meeting of February 7, 2017.

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

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**7.1 Various Correspondence re Centre Plan**

- Correspondence from Andrea Arbic, Halifax entitled *Comments on the Centre Plan Growth Scenarios* was received by the Committee.
- A petition organized by Ronald Joseph Bourgeois re the United Memorial Church Development Proposal and containing 19 signatures was also received by the Committee.

Councillor Smith provided background to the development and area resident concerns around compatibility. Councillor Mason pointed out that this was a larger issue relating to the sale of Parks and Institutional lands. Some safeguards are required to ensure that land uses are in keeping with the neighbourhood.

Ms. Green indicated there was work to be done; noting that policy relating to Parks and Institutional is included in the plan.

**7.2 Presentation – A Rapid Health Impact Assessment of Halifax's Draft Regional Centre Plan – Public Health**

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation entitled Rapid Health Impact Assessment of the Regional Plan – Nova Scotia Health Authority

- A Rapid Health Impact Assessment of Halifax's Draft Regional Centre Plan dated December 14, 2016 and prepared by Public Health – Central Zone

Ms. Ali Shaver and Ms. Valerie Blair of Public Health gave a presentation of the Rapid Health Impact Assessment of Halifax's Draft Regional Centre Plan prepared by Public Health. Ms. Shaver briefly outlined the role of Public Health and went on to share the framework and scope of the Rapid Health Assessment. She thanked staff and the Committee for the opportunity to go through this process for HRM's Centre Plan.

The City of Vancouver's tool kit was used as a reference and guide as this was the first time a rapid HIA has been completed in Nova Scotia. There were four areas of focus: Mobility, Sustainability, Housing and Food Systems. Each area of focus was reviewed; presenting guiding principles along with the thought map or logic used for each category and pointing out both supportive policies and missed opportunities in the Draft Centre Plan. The Draft Centre Plan has great potential for improving the health of HRM's citizens

The group looks forward to future opportunities to collaborate with the municipality.

At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Watson-Creed noted that the Centre plan work was chronic disease prevention. She thanked the presenters and those sitting in the gallery for undertaking the assessment and noted that the collaboration between municipal/provincial staff was encouraging.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin:

**That the Community Design Advisory Committee receive the report and support the Centre Plan and Integrated Mobility teams considering this input in future drafts of the Plan and further that the report be forwarded to Community Planning and Economic as information and for referral to Halifax Regional Council as an information item. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Bob Bjerke thanked the team for their valuable input and would be happy to continue working with them. Councillor Zurawski valued the evidence-based decision making presented and felt this was a strong example of presenting multiple viewpoints.

Chis Daly found the recommendations helpful and appreciated a health lens applied to the policy

Shawn Cleary commented on community gardens and drew attention to the red tape that exists in their creation. He felt that HRM should be proactive and encouraging in their creation and not just the body that allows them. He asked if HRM has any urban agriculture zoning presently. Mr. Cleary also felt that speed limits, as a part of complete streets was important.

A brief discussion regarding how HRM would rank in the Health Indicators Assessment (HIA) with presenters and committee members pointing out specific highlights and where the municipality might rank. Councillor Cleary suggested that focusing on one area such as active transportation would often make improvements or affect other aspects of the HIA as solutions/improvements often cross disciplines

Bill Book suggested that discussions about mobility often put too much emphasis on bikes and HRM should focus on pedestrians, the largest active transportation user group.

## **8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

### **8.1 Staff Updates**

Kate Green reported that staff have reviewed the policy suggestions line by line and are ready to present the package at CDAC's next meeting

Fred Morley suggested that the presentation by the Committee to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee move from February to March to allow for review of the updated information, to which the Committee agreed.

**9. ADDED ITEMS - None**

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, February 20, 2017**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Sharon Chase  
Legislative Support