



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 26, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:**

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager  
Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Planning & Development  
Jennifer Weagle, 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 Committee are available online: <http://legacycontent.halifax.ca/boardscom/hac/170426hac-agenda.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 5:38 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager, introduced Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage. Roundtable introductions were held.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 1, 2017**

Janet Morris noted that there was discussion at the February meeting, during item 9.3 Case H00416: Substantial Alteration to Tower Road School, 945 Tower Road, Halifax, with regard to the configuration of windows being symmetrical. The Legislative Assistant was asked to check the recording.

MOVED by David Williamson, seconded by William Breckenridge

**THAT the minutes of February 1, 2017 be approved as circulated, pending a review of the recording with regard to item 9.3.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by David Williamson

**THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

## **5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **7.1 Correspondence - None**

### **7.2 Petitions - None**

### **7.3 Presentation - None**

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 Case H00443: Substantial Alteration to the Clarke-Halliston House, 1029 South Park Street, Halifax a municipally registered heritage property**

The following information was before the Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated March 24, 2017

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager, presented the application by Nycum Associates, on behalf of the property owner, to replace the east portion of the building with a new addition and an

attached garage on the south side of the building. Jacob clarified that the alterations will allow for two larger family size units, instead of four smaller units.

At the request of the Committee, Jacob reviewed the area to be demolished at the rear of the building, clarifying that the proposed addition will be built in the same location as the demolished portion of the building.

The Committee discussed with staff rodent controls.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee, noting that the roofline is proposed to be raised to increase the standard of living of the space inside by adding 2 or 3 feet to have full height on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that the dormer that will be removed should be mimicked on the new addition, to break up the larger roof area. Staff clarified that this was not proposed in the application.

Responding to questions with regard to the garage, staff clarified there is nothing in the By-law to prevent the street facing garage. The garage will be added where there is currently surface parking, will be set back approximately 30 feet, and the design of the garage is subordinate to the main house.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by William Breckenridge

**That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to the Clarke-Halliston House, 1029 South Park Street, Halifax.**

Janet Morris expressed concerns that the garage could be easily removed by a new owner, and noted disagreement with statements in Attachment D of the staff report, Standards and Guidelines.

Staff clarified that any further substantial alterations, such as an addition above the garage, would have to come back to the Committee and Regional Council for approval, and noted that there is a Gross Floor Area Ratio condition for the zone.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **9.2 Case H00449: 2017/2018 Heritage Incentive Program**

The following information was before the Committee:  
Staff recommendation report dated March 23, 2017

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage, presented the staff report, noting that 24 applications were received and each application was recommended for approval this year. Aaron reviewed the scoring matrix, and the table of recommended properties for approval of Heritage Incentive Grants.

Councillor Hendsbee asked that for future reports the community name be included with the addresses.

At the request of members, Aaron reviewed the program, which is outlined in detail in the Administrative Order 2014-0020-ADM attached to the staff report. Also at the request of members, staff discussed efforts to promote the program.

MOVED by Janet Morris, seconded by Dylan

**THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the recommended grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the March 23, 2017 staff report, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with section 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM, the Heritage Incentives Program Administrative Order.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **9.3 2017 Provincial Heritage Conference Committee Update**

Jason Cooke provided a brief update on planning for the 2017 Provincial Heritage Conference, which will be held November 1 - 3, 2017 at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax. The focus of the conference will be "Working Together". Funding for the conference is provided by the Province, and the planning committee involves HRM staff, including Seamus McGreal, HRM Heritage Planner, Provincial staff, members of the Heritage Trust, and from the Heritage Advisory Committee, Jason Cooke and Melanie Baker.

Seamus McGreal would like one more member. Iona Stoddard expressed interest.

## **10. HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEES UPDATES (Verbal)**

### **10.1 Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee**

Aurora Camaño updated that no further meetings have been held.

### **10.2 Schmitdville Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee**

Janet Morris updated that the last meeting was the final meeting of the Committee and the Schmitdville Heritage Conservation District will next come forward to the Heritage Advisory Committee for recommendation to Council.

## **11. ADDED ITEMS**

Janet Morris requested an update on Council's request for a staff report respecting protection of properties identified in Map 6 of the Downtown Halifax Plan for heritage resources. She commented that nothing in the wording of the plan provides any protection to heritage resources, and some have been demolished.

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager, discussed section 4 of the Downtown Halifax Plan which sets out the heritage conservation strategy, noting that the purpose of Map 6 was the publicizing of heritage resources to encourage property owners to register, and Map 6 was not intended to provide any protections. Jacob clarified that with the staff shortage, the report request had not yet been addressed but will be prepared shortly.

Janet Morris requested an update on a request for HRM to put controls on demolition permits. Jacob advised that staff asked the Province for the ability to amend the Heritage Property Act to suspend demolition permits, but the request was denied. This will be communicated to Council in a report.

Janet Morris advised the Committee that a tender has been released by the Federal government for repairs to the Town Clock, and the Heritage Trust has identified concerns regarding specifications of materials in the tender not complying with Federal heritage standards.

Janet Morris advised that a UNESCO International Committee on Monuments is coming to Halifax May 25 – 27, 2017 and will be meeting largely at the Central Library.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle  
Legislative Assistant