



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

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor David Hendsbee  
Melanie Baker

**STAFF:** Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Planning & Development  
Katherine Fralic, Planner, Heritage, Planning & Development  
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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

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*The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 28, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by David Williamson,

**THAT the minutes of June 28, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Iona Stoddard,

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

**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 H00451: Substantial Alteration to Finntigh Mara, 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, a municipally registered heritage property**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 19, 2017

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Planning and Development, presented the application by Solterre Design Inc. to substantially alter Finntigh Mara, 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, a municipally registered heritage property, by subdividing the property. The presentation is available online and on file.

Staff clarified the following at the request of the Committee:

- All lots would retain their heritage registration status following subdivision of the property.
- The majority of character defining elements are with the main house.
- The boat house and roost would be separate from the main property following subdivision.

The following comments were noted by Committee members:

- Concern with respect to separating the buildings on the property, as they would lose their heritage value without the context of one another.
- There are not many large estate properties like the subject property left along the Northwest Arm.
- Concern with the configuration of the proposed subdivision, where Lot A would be cut off from waterfront access, and that sight lines of the harbor would be lost.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by David Williamson

**THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to Finntigh Mara, 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, as outlined in the June 19, 2017 report.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

The Committee discussed the matter further, with no alternatives put forward.

**9.2 Case H00453: Substantial Alteration to the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, 5457 Cornwallis Street, Halifax, a municipally registered heritage property**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 30, 2017
- Set of floor plans, including plans for all three floors of the existing structures (shown on the Demolition Plans) and the proposed building (shown on the Construction Plans).

Kathleen Fralic, Heritage Planner, presented the application by Case Design/Remodeling, on behalf of the property owner, to substantially alter a municipally registered heritage property located at 5457 Cornwallis Street, Halifax, the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church. The substantial alteration includes the construction of an addition.

William Breckenridge left the meeting at this time.

Responding to questions from the Committee, staff clarified that:

- The rear brick portion of the building will remain.
- The white house next to the Church on Cornwallis Street was used by the church for administrative offices and it will be demolished. It was likely constructed in the early 1900s and does not have much historical value associated with it.
- The existing plaque commemorating Richard Preston will be incorporated into the new building.
- The three windows on the side of the church are non-heritage and will become doorways into the addition.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Derek Bellemore

**THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, 5457 Cornwallis Street, Halifax, as outlined in the June 30, 2017 report.**

Councillor Zurawski spoke in favour of the design of the addition.

Iona Stoddard commented that the current configuration of the church is crowded, and the congregation should be pleased with the added space.

At the request of the Committee, staff clarified that no comments have been received from neighboring properties.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.3 2017 Provincial Heritage Conference Committee Update**

The Chair noted that planning for the conference is going well; speakers are being lined up and the schedule is taking form.

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

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

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Planning and Development, updated that staff decided to fast track the Schmidville Heritage Conservation District, and are working on developing financial incentives for the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District.

Janet Morris noted concern for heritage buildings in the old south suburb area, indicating that there are demolition applications for some important buildings.

**11. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - August 23, 2017**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle  
Legislative Assistant