



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 23, 2018**

PRESENT: Jenny Lugar, Acting-Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Janet Morris
Dylan Ames
Paul Cole
Derek Bellemore

REGRETS: Councillor Richard Zurawski
Iona Stoddard, Chair
Melanie Baker
William Breckenridge

STAFF: Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage Planning
Kathleen Fralic, Heritage Planner
David Perusse, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., and adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 25, 2018

MOVED by Dylan Ames, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the minutes of April 25, 2018 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Derek Bellemore

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 Presentations -None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 Blasting by-law B-600 – Staff Presentation

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage Planning, noted that the HRM staff engineer scheduled to present to the Committee on Blasting by-law B-600 was unable to attend. They recommended postponing discussion of the matter until the next regular meeting of the Committee when the staff engineer is able to attend.

Janet Morris explained to the Committee that they requested the staff presentation due to concerns regarding the impact of blasting on existing heritage buildings within the downtown area.

MOVED by Derek Bellemore, seconded by Dylan Ames

THAT consideration of item 9.1 “Blasting by-law B-600 – Staff Presentation,” be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Case H00452: Request to Include an Unaddressed Property on Great Beech Hill, Lower Sackville in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 10, 2018
- A staff presentation on Case No. H00452: Request to Include an Unaddressed Property on Great Beech Hill, Lower Sackville in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Kathleen Fralic, Heritage Planner, provided the Committee with a presentation on Case H00452: Unaddressed Property on Great Beech Hill, Lower Sackville. Noting that it was a third-party application, Fralic outlined the specifics of the property as well as the evaluation criteria. They further noted that should the Committee award a score of more than 35 points under the evaluation criteria, then it is recommended that the Committee forward a recommendation to Regional Council for the inclusion of the property in the Heritage Registry.

The Committee proceeded to score the subject property using the evaluation criteria provided, resulting in the following scores:

- **1b. Continuity of Use** – Members expressed concern that there was insufficient evidence before the Committee to trigger an analysis under either 1a or 1b of the evaluation criteria. Noting that the evaluation criteria does not provide the option to award a score of 0, however, it was agreed that **20** would be an appropriate score.
- **2. Historical Importance** – Noting that the property would only have a local historical significance, the Committee agreed on a score of **2**.
- **3. Degree of Intactness** – Based on the use of the property as a road, the Committee agreed on a score of **1**.
- **4. Community Value** – Noting that the site has little known or documented history, the Committee agreed on a score of **2**.
- **TOTAL** – Based on the assessment of the evaluation criteria, the Committee gave the property in question a cumulative score of **25** out of a possible total score of **70**.

MOVED by Dylan Ames, seconded by Paul Cole

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council deny the request to include an unaddressed property (PID 40347957) on Great Beech Hill Road, Lower Sackville, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated May 10, 2018, in the registry of heritage property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Acting Chair thanked Kathleen Fralic for the presentation.

9.3 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM Respecting the Heritage Incentives Program

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 8, 2018
- A staff presentation on the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM Respecting the Heritage Incentives Program

Aaron Murnaghan, Heritage Planner, provided the Committee with a presentation the Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM Respecting the Heritage Incentives Program.

MOVED by Paul Cole, seconded by Dylan Ames

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee:

- 1. Recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 8, 2018, so as to:**
 - A. Change the intake period for applications under the Heritage Incentives Program from the current intake period of January 1st through March 31st to September 1st through December 1st of each year;**
 - B. Change the deadline for staff to provide a recommendation to the Heritage Advisory Committee on eligible grant applications from June 30th to March 1st of each year in order to better align approval of funding with the start of the fiscal year.**
 - C. Prioritize applicants in future years if they were previously approved for funding and were unable to commence their approved work during that year so long as they notify the municipality in writing by July 1st of the year they were initially approved for funding.**
- 2. Recommend that Halifax Regional Council retain the current approval process for the Heritage Incentives Program which is referred to Regional Council for ultimate approval under Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Acting Chair thanked Aaron Murnaghan for the presentation.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Dylan Ames - Preservation of Remaining Street Poles on Spring Garden Road

The following was before the Committee:

- A Request for Committee Consideration form from Dylan Ames

MOVED by Dylan Ames, seconded by Derek Bellemore

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to examine the preservation and commemoration of the remaining streetcar poles on Spring Garden Road during the upcoming streetscaping.

Speaking to the motion, Dylan Ames explained that there are remaining streetcar poles along Spring Garden Road dating back to the 19th and 20th century. They noted that there is currently little public commemoration of these pieces of historic infrastructure. Ames suggested that the preservation and commemoration of these streetcar poles might be included as part of the upcoming Spring Garden Road streetscaping project.

Aaron Murnaghan concurred and noted that the streetscaping project may be an opportunity for a larger discussion for developing a broader policy on the preservation and commemoration of historic infrastructure within the downtown area.

Dylan Ames proposed the following amendment:

THAT the motion be amended so that the words “the remaining streetcar poles” be replaced by “historical infrastructure.”

The amendment was considered friendly by the Committee.

The amended motion was as follows:

MOVED by Dylan Ames, seconded by Derek Bellemore

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to examine the preservation and commemoration of historical infrastructure as part of the upcoming streetscaping along Spring Garden Road.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. HCD STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEES UPDATES (Verbal) - NONE

Aaron Murnaghan noted that the Schmidville Heritage Conservation District report has made its way to Regional Council. They further noted that there were two (2) requests for amendments/clarification on the reports, which might delay final approval of the project.

The Acting Chair thanked Aaron Murnaghan for the update.

12. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 27, 2018

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

David Perusse
Legislative Assistant