



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 28, 2018**

PRESENT: Jenny Lugar, Acting Chair
Councillor Richard Zurawski
Councillor David Hendsbee
Janet Morris
Derek Bellemore
William Breckenridge
Stephen Smith
Lois Yorke

REGRETS: Iona Stoddard
Paul Cole
Melanie Baker

STAFF: Seamus McGreal, Planner III, Heritage Planning
Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage Planning
Tyson Simms, Planner 1
David Perusse, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., and adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Derek Bellemore

THAT the minutes of September 26, 2018 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

12.1 Old South Suburb Stakeholder Steering Committee Appointments

MOVED by Lois Yorke, seconded by Stephen Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-thirds vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

William Breckenridge declared a conflict relating to item 9.1 Staff Presentation on Case H00456: Substantial Alterations to 1478, 1484 and 1494 Carlton Street, Halifax, and item 9.2 Staff Presentation on Case H00461: Substantial Alterations to 1452 and 1456 Carlton Street and 5969 College Street, Halifax. With regards to the nature of the conflict, Breckenridge noted that they have a professional relationship with the proponents of the two projects.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Clerk's Office has received correspondence relating to items 9.1 and 9.2. However, they noted that this correspondence will be circulated to members of the Heritage Advisory Committee when the staff reports for the two respective items come forward at a future meeting.

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentations -None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 Staff Presentation on Case H00456: Substantial Alterations to 1478, 1484 and 1494 Carlton Street, Halifax

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation titled "Cases 20218 & 20761"
- A staff presentation titled "Cases H00456 & H00461"

Having declared a conflict of interest, William Breckenridge stepped away from the meeting table at 3:06 p.m.

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage Planning, provided introductory remarks concerning Cases H00456 and H00461, noting that the presentations before the Committee are for informational purposes only. The staff recommendation reports for the two cases will be coming before the Committee at a subsequent meeting, at which time the Committee will be asked to make recommendations to Regional Council.

Murnaghan noted that Cases H00456 and H00461 correspond to Cases 20218 and 20761, all of which concern proposed developments located on Spring Garden Road, Robie, College and Carlton Streets. They clarified that Cases H00456 and H00461 relate to requests for substantial alterations under the *Heritage Property Act*, while Cases 20218 and 20761 relate to amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) under the Regional Plan Policy CH-16. They further emphasized the difference in the process between the two types of applications.

Tyson Simms, Planner 1, provided the Committee with a presentation on Cases 20218 and 20761, Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendment Request: Spring Garden Road, Robie, College and Carlton Streets. Simms noted that the two (2) cases will be coming to the Heritage Advisory Committee in 2019.

Murnaghan provide the Committee with an additional presentation focusing on Case H00456: Substantial Alterations to 1478, 1484 and 1494 Carlton Street, Halifax.

The Acting Chair thanked Murnaghan and Simms for their presentations.

9.2 Staff Presentation on Case H00461: Substantial Alterations to 1452 and 1456 Carlton Street and 5969 College Street, Halifax

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation titled "Cases 20218 & 20761"
- A staff presentation titled "Cases H00456 & H00461"

Having declared a conflict of interest, William Breckenridge remained seated away from the meeting table for the duration of the presentation and discussion of item 9.2.

Following the presentations from Murnaghan and Simms relating to Cases 20218, 20761, and H00456, Seamus McGreal, Planner III, Heritage Planning, provided the Committee with a presentation on Case H00461: Substantial Alterations to 1452 and 1456 Carlton Street and 5969 College Street, Halifax. They noted that a Heritage Impact Study will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting, and that staff will go into further detail on each case.

Responding to questions from members of the Committee, Murnaghan and McGreal noted that the interiors of the subject heritage properties are not themselves protected under their heritage designation. They further noted that efforts will be made to preserve the interiors of the structures, but under the current heritage designation, there is no strict requirement to do.

The Acting Chair thanked Murnaghan and McGreal for the presentation.

William Breckenridge rejoined the meeting table at 3:50 p.m.

9.3 Heritage Advisory Committee 2019 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the 2019 meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 7, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. MOTIONS/DISCUSSION

10.1 Halifax Old Burying Grounds Restoration and Conservation – William Breckenridge

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence submitted by William Breckenridge titled “Halifax Old Burying Grounds Restoration and Conservation”

William Breckenridge spoke to the Committee about exploring the possibility of providing restoration and conservation funding for the Halifax Old Burying Ground.

Speaking on the topic, Murnaghan noted that since 2012, the Halifax Old Burying Ground has received financial assistance from the Municipality through the Community Grants Program, which has been used for the restoration of headstones, and other restorative work. They further noted that a Conservation Plan is currently being developed, which will further guide future contributions and grants.

10.2 Municipal Archaeological Plan - William Breckenridge

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence submitted by William Breckenridge titled “Municipal Archaeological/ Cultural History Plan”

William Breckenridge spoke to the Committee about exploring the possibility of developing a Municipal Archaeological/Cultural History Plan, explaining that the purpose of such a plan would be to map out how to better identify, conserve and protect HRM heritage sites. Breckenridge further noted that the Old Halifax Memorial Library should be repurposed as a municipal museum or to house the Municipal Archives.

Speaking on the topic, Murnaghan noted that a key obstacle with any municipal archeological plan is that it is largely within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government. They noted that there are future plans for HRM heritage staff to meeting with representatives of the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to discuss ways in which they can better coordinate their efforts.

Speaking to the possibility of a municipal museum, Murnaghan noted that it is an idea that has arisen before and is on Council's radar. With regards to the Old Memorial Library, they noted that there is currently an agreement between the Municipality and the Province concerning the property, which limits the uses that the property can be put to. Murnaghan noted that there are ongoing discussions about coming to an agreement to alter the terms of this agreement, so that the property can be utilized for a broader set of uses.

MOVED by William Breckenridge, seconded by Derek Bellemore

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee request that staff provide the Committee with periodical updates on the Old Memorial Library and plans for its future development.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Old South Suburb Stakeholder Steering Committee Appointments

The following was before the Committee

- Presentation titled "Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District"

McGreal provided the Committee with a presentation on the Old South Suburb Stakeholder Steering Committee. They noted that the two (2) seats on the Stakeholder Steering Committee for appointed members of the Heritage Advisory Committee are currently vacant; further noting that the Committee now needs to make these two appointments so that the Steering Committee can hold its final meeting in January, 2019.

McGreal noted that there are two (2) main topics which will be covered at the final meeting of the Steering Committee, being the Financial Incentives Program, and a discussion around new construction.

McGreal asked Committee members give some thought about putting their names forward for appointment, which the Heritage Advisory Committee will vote on at their Special Meeting in December.

The Acting Chair thanked McGreal for the presentation.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **January 31, 2019**

It was noted by staff that they are looking to schedule a special meeting of the Committee for early December to deal with Cases H00456 and H00461, as well as the Old South Suburb Stakeholder Steering Committee Appointments. Members of the Committee tentatively agreed to a December meeting to be coordinated and scheduled through the Legislative Assistant.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

David Perusse
Legislative Assistant