



**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 14, 2019**

PRESENT: Tara Ralph
Kautilya Gandhi
Rick Buhr
Malcolm Pinto
Edward Farquhar
Marianne Abboud
Erica Armstrong
Matt Neville

REGRETS: Colin Duggan, Chair
Gregory MacNeil
Rob LeBlanc
David Hanna

STAFF: Maggie Holm, Principal Planner, Planning & Development
Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk
Hannah Forsyth, Legislative Support, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. at Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that Edward Farquhar was in attendance on January 10, 2019.

MOVED by Malcolm Pinto, seconded by Edward Farquhar

THAT the minutes of January 10, 2019 be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed to consider item 9.1.1 first in the order of business.

MOVED by Malcolm Pinto, seconded by Kautilya Gandhi

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Election of Vice Chair

MOVED by Malcolm Pinto, seconded by Rick Buhr

THAT the Election of Vice Chair be deferred to the next meeting

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Rick Buhr volunteered as Interim Chair for the meeting and the Committee consented.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Design Review Committee Orientation

Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant, gave a presentation outlining the following orientation related topics:

- Role of the Committee
- Terms of Reference

- Role of the Chair
- Meetings and Agendas
- Conflict of Interest
- Diversity and Inclusion, etc.

Maggie Holm, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the Design Manual and the Land Use By-law. Holm spoke to the purpose of the committee and outlined the steps of the site plan approval process. Holm identified the relevant section of the Halifax Charter to the committee, and outlined the Municipal Planning Strategy. Holm concluded with a discussion on future amendments to planning documents.

9.1.2 Case 22006: Substantive Site Plan Approval – 1598 Barrington Street, Halifax

The following was before the Design Review Committee:

- A staff report dated January 21, 2019, Case 22066: Substantive Site Plan Approval – 1598 Barrington Street, Halifax (Tramway Building)

Dean MacDougall, Planner II, provided a presentation on Case 2206. MacDougall gave an overview of the context and the relevant land use by-laws. MacDougall described the current proposal, outlining substantial elements and amenities. MacDougall made note of the Design Manual implications and explained the requested variances. Finally, MacDougall described the staff recommendations.

The Committee asked the Architect to respond to questions of clarification regarding the proposed development's rustication and the intended materials.

MOVED by Matt Neville, seconded by Tara Ralph

THAT the Design Review Committee:

- 1. Approve the qualitative elements of the substantive site plan approval application for a two-storey addition and interior renovation at 1598 Barrington Street, Halifax, as shown in Attachment A;**
- 2. Approve the proposed variances to the Land Use By-law requirements, as shown in Attachments A and B for the streetwall setbacks and maximum height; and**
- 3. Accept the findings of the qualitative wind impact assessment, as contained in Attachment B.**

The committee discussed the proposal and identified elements for consideration. The committee discussed aesthetic features to soften the building, such as green elements and lighting. The committee discussed various lighting options before agreeing on a proposed amendment.

MOVED by Matt Neville, seconded by Malcolm Pinto

THAT the motion be amended such that the Design Review Committee notes the following:

THAT the building shall be lit on the Barrington and Sackville sides with night lighting that would accentuate the architectural features.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

THAT the Design Review Committee:

- 1. Approve the qualitative elements of the substantive site plan approval application for a two-storey addition and interior renovation at 1598 Barrington Street, Halifax, as shown in Attachment A; and that the building shall be lit on the Barrington and Sackville sides with night lighting that would accentuate the architectural features.**
- 2. Approve the proposed variances to the Land Use By-law requirements, as shown in Attachments A and B for the streetwall setbacks and maximum height; and**
- 3. Accept the findings of the qualitative wind impact assessment, as contained in Attachment B.**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. PRELIMINARY PRESENTATIONS – NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

12. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 25, 2019 - Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support