



**HALIFAX PENINSULA PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 29, 2019**

PRESENT: Sarah MacDonald, Chair
Jeana Macleod, Vice Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Margo Grant
Jason Genee
Mathew Novak
Jason Cooke

REGRETS: Councillor Lindell Smith
Adam Pelley
Chloe Berezowski

STAFF: Ross Grant, Planner I, Planning & Development
Mark Inness, Planner II, Planning & Development
Luc Ouellet, Planner III, Planning & Development
Hannah Forsyth, Legislative Support, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm at Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax NS.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair spoke to the Public Information Meeting being held Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial Arena meeting room, 27 Vimy Avenue, Halifax to consider Case 21916.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Jason Cooke, seconded by Margo Grant

THAT the minutes of March 18, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Mathew Novak, seconded by Jason Genee

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

The Legislative Support noted that correspondence was received for Item 10.1.1 and distributed to members.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated April 3, 2019
- Correspondence from Peggy Cameron and Howard Epstein

Ross Grant, Planner I, outlined the purpose and targets of the Centre Plan, and the data and collection of studies that helped to inform it. Grant briefly explained the legislative process for the Centre Plan's adoption, and listed the various engagement initiatives, such as pop-ups, surveys, and walking tours. Grant reiterated the core concepts of complete communities, human scale, pedestrian first, and strategic growth. Staff spoke to the general policies of heritage conservation districts, cultural landscapes,

affordable housing, incentive or bonus zoning and landscaping. The presentation also covered urban structure, site plan approval, built form, performance standards, design requirements, Dartmouth plan amendments and transitioning to the Centre Plan. Staff concluded the presentation with their recommendation to the committee. A copy of the presentation is on file.

The Committee discussed the Plan with staff responding to questions. Staff explained that the grant components for density bonusing are included in the Centre Plan, and that it would come as a separate administrative order. In response to a question around transitions, staff stated that there are a number of tools recommended to ease transition, including landscaping. Staff additionally clarified that height was measured in meters and not storeys in the Plan. Members asked what impact the Centre Plan would have on the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee. Staff advised that any changes to the board and committee structure would come in the form of a future governance report to Council.

The Committee discussed the powers of the development office appointed by Council and asked staff to confirm that the Halifax Common will be included in Package B of the Centre Plan. The Committee sought clarity around the difference between work living space and a home office, and adult entertainment and arcades in terms of land use by-laws.

In lieu of time, it was MOVED by Jeana Macleod, seconded by Jason Cooke

THAT the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee defer item 10.1.1 Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law and schedule a special meeting prior to the next meeting to conclude the matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – May 27, 2019

A special Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee meeting is schedule for May 6, 2019 at 4:30 pm at Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax NS.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support