



**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 9, 2019**

PRESENT: Colin Duggan, Chair
Erica Armstrong
Tara Ralph
Nicholas Robins
Rimon Soliman
Gregory MacNeil
Ade Olatunde
Catherine Ann Somerville Venart
David Hanna
Matt Neville

REGRETS: Marianne Abboud
Ted Farquhar, Vice Chair

STAFF: Eric Lucic, Regional Planning Manager
Carl Purvis, Planning Applications Program
Dali Salih, Planner II
Luc Ouellet, Planner III
Treno Morton, Co-op Student
Meg MacDougall, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. the Committee adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. at Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

MOVED by Matt Neville, seconded by Tara Ralph

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 – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (Package A)

The Chair invited Dali Salih, Planner II to present.

Dali Salih stated that the focus of the project is to create new planning polices and to amend the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law.

In 2006 the Regional Plan recognized the Regional Centre as an important area and it resulted in the adoption of the Downtown Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. They further advised that the Regional Centre is going through a separate planning process.

There have been multiple technical studies completed through third parties. Public engagement took place between 2016 and 2018 by way of open houses, pop-up meetings, survey participation, community workshops and presentations.

There are four core concepts that have been identified. They include complete communities, human scale, a pedestrian first approach and strategic growth.

Luc Ouellet took the floor to present.

Luc Ouellet spoke to the three levels of site plan approvals as well as some development agreement options which include development of a registered heritage property, expansion of non-conforming uses, changes to less intensive non-conforming uses, development in the Kings Wharf special area and development in a CDD zone. They further stated that the Maximum Floor Area Ratio will apply only in the centres and downtown Dartmouth.

Dali Salih took the floor to finish the presentation.

Dali Salih advised that changes to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law regarding the viewplanes and ramparts are required as the coordinate system used to determine the viewing positions has been updated to a modern GPS system and the coordinates will need to be re-surveyed.

The following was before the Committee:

1. Staff Report dated April 3, 2019 with attachments

MOVED by Matt Neville seconded by Erica Armstrong

That the Design Review Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachment K of the April 3, 2019 staff report.**
- 2. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachment K of the April 3, 2019 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. PRELIMINARY PRESENTATIONS - NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 13, 2019, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

14. ADJOURNMENT

15. INFORMATION ITEMS - NONE

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support