

# HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES June 28, 2023

PRESENT: Brian MacDonald, Chair

David Atchison, Vice Chair Councillor David Hendsbee Councillor Pam Lovelace

Lois Yorke Azuka Onwuka Patrick Connor Lizzy Luo Nada Toulany

REGRETS: Luke Stock

Ella Gindi Tyler Brothers

STAFF: Kurt Pyle, Manager Culture, Heritage & Planning Information

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m., and recessed at 4:17 p.m. the Committee reconvened at 4:27 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmag people, and that we are all treaty people.

# 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 24, 2023

MOVED by Lois Yorke, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the minutes of May 24, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Azuka Onwuka seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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

Correspondence was received and circulated for item: 9.1.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

#### 7.2 Petitions - NONE

#### 7.3 Presentation

# 7.3.1 Black Binney Property - Louis Reznick

The following was before the Committee:

Presentation dated June 28, 2023

Eugene Pieczonka and Louis Reznick, Starfish Properties gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

# 8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

#### 9. REPORTS

#### 9.1 STAFF

# 9.1.1 Case H00513: Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District Plan, By-law, and Amendments to Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws

The following was before the Committee:

- Revised staff report dated June 5, 2023
- Correspondence from William Breckenridge and Louis Reznick
- Staff presentation dated June 28, 2023

Seamus McGreal, Planner III gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Kurt Pyle, Manager Culture, Heritage & Planning Information responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by David Atchison

#### THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of:
  - (a) the Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District Plan, including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan as set out in Attachment A of the revised staff report dated June 5, 2023; and
  - (b) the Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-900), including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-500) and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-800), as set out in Attachments B of the revised staff report.
- 2. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of:
  - (a) the amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments C and D of the revised staff report; and
  - (b) the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments E and F of the revised staff report.

# 3. Adopt:

- (a) The Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District Plan, including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan as set out in Attachment A of the revised staff report; and
- (b) (b) the Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-900), including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-500) and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-800), as set out in Attachments B of the revised staff report.

# 4. Adopt:

- (a) the amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments C and D of the revised staff report; and
- (b) (b) the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments E and F of the revised staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Azuka Onwuka

# THAT the motion be amended to include part 5:

5. Direct staff to review the FAR provisions applied to the Black Binney property to consider additional development potential (i.e. height) on the property.

# MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by David Atchison

#### THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of:
  - (c) the Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District Plan, including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan as set out in Attachment A of the revised staff report dated June 5, 2023; and
  - (d) the Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-900), including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-500) and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-800), as set out in Attachments B of the revised staff report.
- 2. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of:
  - (c) the amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments C and D of the revised staff report; and
  - (d) the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments E and F of the revised staff report.

# 3. Adopt:

- (c) The Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District Plan, including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan as set out in Attachment A of the revised staff report; and
- (d) (b) the Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-900), including repealing the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-500) and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law (H-800), as set out in Attachments B of the revised staff report.

#### 4. Adopt:

- (c) the amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments C and D of the revised staff report; and
- (d) (b) the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments E and F of the revised staff report.
- 5. Direct staff to review the FAR provisions applied to the Black Binney property to consider additional development potential (i.e. height) on the property.

# MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

# 9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Update on Membership

It was noted that Nada Toulany joined the Committee in June.

- 10. ADDED ITEMS NONE
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING July 26, 2023
- **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga Legislative Assistant