

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES November 26, 2025

PRESENT: Tyler Brothers, Chair

Councillor David Hendsbee Councillor Nancy Hartling

Meghan Chadwick

Paul Clarke Jason Cooke David Jones Ruby Shepherd Joann Rofihe

REGRETS: Rosa Milito, Vice Chair

Brian MacDonald Danielle McCabe

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

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Tyler Brothers be nominated Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Tyler Brothers was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Jason Cooke, seconded by Councillor Paul Clarke

THAT Tyler Brothers be appointed Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Tyler Brothers was declared the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Tyler Brothers assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Tyler Brothers called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT Rosa Milito be nominated Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Rosa Milito was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT Rosa Milito be appointed Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Rosa Milito was declared the Vice Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 22, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the minutes of October 22, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

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Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant requested that Items 9.1.2 Case H00501 - Collaboration with Universities to Consider Heritage Buildings on Campuses and 9.1.3 Case HRTG-2025-01649: Substantial Alteration to Multiple Municipally Registered Heritage Properties on College and Carlton Streets in Halifax be considered prior to Item 9.1.1.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Paul Clarke

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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 items: 9.1.2 and 9.2.1.

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

- 7.2 Petitions None
- 7.3 Presentation None
- 8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD NONE
- 9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
- 9.1 STAFF
- 9.1.1 Case HRTG-2025-02222: Request to Include 1530 Oxford Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated November 5, 2025
- Staff presentation dated November 26, 2025

Gong Shaoqiu, Planner I gave a presentation.

The Committee applied the heritage building criteria to 1530 Oxford Street in performing the heritage evaluation and provided the following scoring:

Criterion	Score
1. Age	5
2A. Relationship to Important Occasions,	13
Institutions, Personages or Groups	
3. Significance of Architect/Builder	6

4A. Architectural Merit: Construction Type	3
4B. Architectural Merit: Style	9
5. Architectural Integrity	11
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	8
Total	55

Gong responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of the subject property in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and
- 2. Approve the request to include 1530 Oxford Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated November 5, 2025, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 Case H00501 - Collaboration with Universities to Consider Heritage Buildings on Campuses

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated October 30, 2025
- Staff presentation dated November 26, 2025
- Handout dated November 26, 2025
- Correspondence from William Breckenridge

Jesse Morton, Principal Planner gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Meghan Chadwick, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Continue the heritage registration evaluation process for the Dalhousie University-owned buildings listed on Attachment A of the staff report dated October 30, 2025, in accordance with the process initiated by Regional Council on September 29, 2022; and
- 2. Discontinue consideration of the Dalhousie University-owned buildings listed on Attachment B of the staff report dated October 30, 2025, for heritage registration.

Morton responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.3 Case HRTG-2025-01649: Substantial Alteration to Multiple Municipally Registered Heritage Properties on College and Carlton Streets in Halifax

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated November 14, 2025
- Staff presentation dated November 26, 2025

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Carter Beaupre-McPhee, Planner III gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the municipally registered heritage properties at 5969 College Street, 1456 Carlton Street, 1460 Carlton Street, 1466 Carlton Street, and 1468 Carlton Street, Halifax, as set out in the staff report dated November 14, 2025.

Beaupre-McPhee responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.4 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

Staff memorandum dated November 26, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Joann Rofihe

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2026 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Prioritization of Heritage Evaluations for Properties Facing Demolition

The following was before the Committee:

Correspondence from Peggy Cameron, Joel Zemel and Allan Robertson

Tyler Brothers stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Hartling assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Tyler Brothers, seconded by Joann Rofihe

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to:

- 1. Explore the feasibility, resource implications, and anticipated timelines for developing a process to prioritize the preparation of heritage evaluation reports for properties facing current or foreseeable risk of demolition; and
- 2. Outline options for implementing this process in accordance with the Heritage Property Act and By-law H-200.

Jesse Morton, Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

Tyler Brothers resumed the Chair.

10. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 21, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel Legislative Assistant