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Item No. 9.2.1
Halifax Regional Council
June 9, 2020

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

For Lois Yorke, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE: June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: **Case H00489: Substantial Alteration to municipally registered heritage properties at 1724 and 1740 Granville Street, Halifax**

ORIGIN

May 28, 2020 special meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee, Item 9.1.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Heritage Property Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 199

- 17 (1) Municipal heritage property shall not be substantially altered in exterior or public-building interior appearance or demolished without the approval of the municipality.
- (2) An application for permission to substantially alter the exterior or public-building interior appearance of or demolish municipal heritage property shall be made in writing to the municipality.
- (3) Upon receipt of the application, the municipality shall refer the application to the heritage advisory committee for its recommendation.
- (4) Within thirty days after the application is referred by the municipality, the heritage advisory committee shall submit a written report and recommendation to the municipality respecting the municipal heritage property.
- (5) The municipality may grant the application either with or without conditions or may refuse it.
- (6) The municipality shall advise the applicant of its determination.

RECOMMENDATION

The Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the substantial alteration of 1724 Granville Street, Halifax known as the Acadian Recorder Building, as proposed in this report and its attachments;

2. Approve the substantial alteration of 1740 Granville Street, Halifax known as the Kenny-Dennis Building, as proposed in this report and its attachments; and
3. Give consideration that:
 - The contingency plans exist to ensure the structural integrity with the retention of the heritage façade of each building during the construction of the parking garage
 - Developers give some consideration to the incorporation of public art that is contextually sensitive, including the blank wall on Barrington Street
 - The Developer must remain consistent with the plan as shown in Attachment E of the staff report dated March 1, 2020, with particular attention to the depth of the heritage facade on the Granville Street elevation.

BACKGROUND

The Heritage Advisory Committee received a staff recommendation report dated March 1, 2020, at a May 28, 2020 special meeting of the Committee respecting Case H00489: Substantial Alteration to municipally registered heritage properties at 1724 and 1740 Granville Street, Halifax.

For further information on the background of this item, refer to the staff report dated March 1, 2020.

DISCUSSION

The Heritage Advisory Committee reviewed the March 1, 2020 staff report, and received a staff presentation at their May 28, 2020 special meeting.

Following a discussion of the item, the Committee approved the recommendation as outlined in the "Recommendation" portion of this report.

The Heritage Advisory Committee approved the staff recommendation with suggested further consideration regarding certain elements of the proposed design as outlined above.

For further discussion on this item, refer to the staff report dated March 1, 2020 (Attachment 1) and draft minutes from the May 28, 2020 special meeting of the Committee respecting Case H00489 (Attachment 2).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Refer to the staff report dated March 1, 2020.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Refer to the staff report dated March 1, 2020.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meetings of the Heritage Advisory Committee are open to public attendance and members of the public are permitted to submit correspondence and petitions to be circulated to the Committee. The agenda, reports, and minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

For further information on Community Engagement as it relates to this item, refer to the staff report dated March 1, 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Refer to the staff report dated March 1, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not discuss alternatives. Refer to the staff report dated March 1, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Staff Recommendation Report dated March 1, 2020

Attachment 2 – Extract from the draft minutes from the May 28, 2020 special meeting of the Committee respecting Case H00489.

If the report is released to the public, a copy can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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