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Item No. 6
Halifax Regional Council
March 19, 2024

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
For Brian MacDonald, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE: February 23, 2024

SUBJECT: **Heritage Advisory Committee Annual Report 2023**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Initiated by the Heritage Advisory Committee through the Legislative Assistant.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, Section 10 Annual Report:

10. The Committee shall submit annually to Council a report of the activities of the Committee for the previous year.

BACKGROUND

The Heritage Advisory Committee was established on August 17, 1996 by By-law H-200, *Respecting the Establishment of a Heritage Advisory Committee and a Civic Registry of Heritage Property*. The Heritage Advisory Committee advises Halifax Regional Council on matters relating to heritage buildings, streetscapes, and areas set out in the *Heritage Property Act*. The Heritage Advisory Committee also advises the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on heritage matters not captured in the *Heritage Property Act*.

The Heritage Advisory Committee is comprised of two members of Council and ten resident members of the Region. The current membership is available on Halifax.ca

DISCUSSION

The Heritage Advisory Committee met nine times between February 17, 2023 and November 22, 2023 virtually via Zoom.

The Heritage Advisory Committee met on the following dates:

- February 22, 2023
- March 22, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 24, 2023
- June 28, 2023
- July 26, 2023
- August 23, 2023
- November 15, 2023
- November 22, 2023

The Heritage Advisory Committee's business for the period covering February 22, 2023 to November 22, 2023 includes the following

- 11 pieces of correspondence;
- 0 petitions;
- 1 presentation;
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Committee;
- 21 staff reports;
- 1 motion from Committee member; and
- 2 information reports.

Presentations were held on the following:

June 28, 2023

Black Binney Place - Louis Reznick

Motions approved by the Committee:

February 22, 2023

Case H00542: Request to Include 6112 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 6112 Coburg Road in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated February 9, 2023, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

H00555: 2023/24 Heritage Incentives Program

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 15, 2023, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM and subject to approval of the proposed 2023/24 budget.

Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee approve their proposed 2023 meeting schedule as presented.

March 22, 2023

Case H00547: Request to Include 6032-6034 Charles Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 6032-6034 Charles Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 17, 2023, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

Case H00549: Request to Include 2096 Creighton Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 2096 Creighton Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 17, 2023, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

April 26, 2023

Case H00551: Request to Include 1206 Robie Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 1206 Robie Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated April 6, 2023, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

H00552: Deregistration of Parcel RL-1 (PID 41027079), Old Sackville Road, Middle Sackville

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Commence the deregistration process by setting a date for a public hearing to consider deregistering the municipally registered heritage property known and designated as Parcel RL-1 (PID 41027079) on Attachment A of the staff report dated April 24, 2023; and
2. Deregister the property known as PID 41027079, as shown as Parcel RL-1 on Attachment A of the staff report dated April 24, 2023.

May 24, 2023

H00562: 2023-2024 Financial Incentives Program for Schmidville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed grant applications 24-001 through 24-005 and 24-007 through 24-009 listed in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 19, 2023, conditional upon the applicant's compliance with sections 7 and 36-

39 of Administrative Order Number 2020-005-ADM and the requirements specified in Attachment A of the staff report being satisfied.

Case PLANAPP-2023-00034 – Substantive amendment to a development agreement, 2720 Gottingen Street, Halifax

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give notice of motion to consider the proposed amending development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 17, 2023, to allow the extension of a restaurant use into the rear yard of the existing building located at 2720 Gottingen Street, Halifax;
2. Approve the proposed amending development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report; and
3. Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days or longer if warranted, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

June 28 2023

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

Motion approved 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 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 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 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 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 staff report; 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 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 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 staff report.

July 26, 2023

Case H00528: Substantial Alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 10 Kirk Road, Halifax

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to 10 Kirk Road, Halifax, as set out in the staff report.

H00571: 2023 / 2024 Heritage Incentives Program – App # 24-031

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the proposed grant (24-031) to the property known as 1099-1101 Tower Road, Halifax, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM.

August 23, 2023

Case H00563: Request to Include 6484 - 6484 1/2 Jubilee Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 6484 - 6484 1/2 Jubilee Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 in the staff report dated July 20, 2023 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

Case H00565: Request to Include 1745 Henry Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 1745 Henry Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 in the staff report dated July 27, 2023 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

Case H00569: Request to Include 6038 Charles Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 6038 Charles Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 in the staff report dated July 27, 2023 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

Case H00564: Request to Include 1741-1743 Henry Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved 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 1741-1743 Henry Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated August 3, 2023 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

Committee Member Lois Yorke re: Woodill Area and Creighton's Field Heritage Conservation District

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report reviewing the heritage value of the Woodill area for the purpose of establishing a new Woodill Heritage Conservation District or to include the Woodill area as an extension of Creighton's Field Heritage Conservation District as identified in the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy.

November 15, 2023

Sharing our Stories: HRM's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Endorse the direction contained in Sharing our Stories: HRM's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan as provided in Attachment A to the staff report dated October 23, 2023 as a framework for amending the existing Regional Plan and Secondary Planning Strategies and developing new planning documents and other municipal policies and programs as may be necessary to implement the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan direction;
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include funding options for actions contained in Sharing our Stories: HRM's Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan for consideration in the 2024/25 budget;
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide progress reports every two years on the implementation of the Plan.

HRTG-2023-00871: Substantial Alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 17 Banook Avenue, Dartmouth as set out in the staff report dated October 17, 2023.

November 22, 2023

Case H00560: Substantial Alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 53 Queen Street, Dartmouth

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to 53 Queen Street, Dartmouth, which includes the rehabilitation and conservation of the circa 1914 former Dartmouth Post Office designed in the Edwardian Baroque style.

Case 20218: Amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and associated development agreement for lands located at Robie Street, Spring Garden Road, and Carlton Street, Halifax.

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 18, 2023, to broaden the scope of enabling policies IM-43, IM-44, and IM-46 and schedule a public hearing; and
2. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 18, 2023.

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Halifax and West Community Council:

3. Give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 18, 2023, to permit a 30-storey mixed-use residential and commercial building on the southeast corner of the Robie Street and Spring Garden Road intersection, while rehabilitating four municipally registered heritage buildings on Carlton Street. The public hearing for the development agreement shall be held concurrently with that indicated in Recommendation 1;
4. Provisionally approve the proposed development agreement for a 30-storey mixed-use residential and commercial building on the southeast corner of the Robie Street and Spring Garden Road intersection, while rehabilitating four municipally registered heritage buildings on Carlton Street, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 18, 2023; and
5. Require that the development agreement contained in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 18, 2023 be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later, otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule

Motion approved that the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2024 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implication as this time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Heritage Advisory Committee is comprised of six citizen members and two Councillors. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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