



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 22, 2017**

PRESENT: Jason Cooke, Chair
Iona Stoddard, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Richard Zurawski
Janet Morris
Dylan Ames
William Breckenridge
Derek Bellemore
Melanie Baker

STAFF: Kurt Pyle, Acting Manager, Heritage Planning
Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage Planning
Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m., and adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 25, 2017

A correction was noted to Janet Morris' name on page 2 of the minutes.

MOVED by Dylan Ames, seconded by Derek Bellemore

THAT the minutes of October 25, 2017 be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Derek Bellemore

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 - None

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentation - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 2018 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 14, 2017.

The Committee briefly discussed the proposed 2018 meeting schedule before them.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the 2018 meeting schedule, as outline in the staff report dated November 14, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 2017 Provincial Heritage Conference Follow Up – Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner

Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, advised that a summary report and presentations from the heritage conference will be made available on the Nova Scotia Heritage website at <http://nsheritage.ca/>, noting that the Committee will be advised when the report is posted.

The Committee thanked Seamus for organizing the conference.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Request to Present – Elizabeth Pacey re: Case 20923: 2720 Gottingen Street, Halifax – The Narrows: A Halifax Public House

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence from David Wallbridge, Pink Larkin, dated August 8, 2017

Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage, advised that a request was made by Elizabeth Pacey through her solicitor, David Wallbridge, to address the Heritage Advisory Committee when an application comes forward for recommendation to Community Council on Case 20923: 2720 Gottingen Street, Halifax – The Narrows: A Halifax Public House. It was noted that Ms. Pacey is a neighbouring property owner to the subject property.

Aaron Murnaghan reviewed the current status and next steps of the subject application, noting that a public information meeting has been held, and the matter was before the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee. The Heritage Advisory Committee will be presented with the report on this matter within the next few months for recommendation to Halifax and West Community Council, followed by a public hearing.

The Committee discussed the request, with staff clarifying that proponents, residents, and organizations have been given the opportunity to address matters at the committee level in the past, with a time limit of five or ten minutes being proposed.

Staff clarified that the matter will be brought before the Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration of whether this would be a suitable use as a heritage property, and that any comments on the application should be limited to that. Staff further clarified that should the applicant, or any other neighbouring property owners, also wish to have an opportunity to address the Committee on this matter, then the same process of submitting a request to speak would be brought forward to the Committee for consideration on an individual basis.

The Committee discussed requesting Elizabeth Pacey to instead provide a written submission for consideration by the Committee, and encouraging Elizabeth Pacey to speak during the public hearing.

Staff clarified that all correspondence addressed to the Heritage Advisory Committee on this matter will be circulated to members.

MOVED by Janet Morris, seconded by Dylan Ames

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee approve a request by Elizabeth Pacey to address the Committee with regard to Case 20923: 2720 Gottingen Street, Halifax – The Narrows: A Halifax Public House, when the matter comes forward to the Heritage Advisory Committee for recommendation to Halifax and West Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 William Breckenridge – Heritage Conservation Districts

William Breckenridge addressed the Committee, expressing concern with the length of time it has taken to complete the Old South Suburb and Schmidville Heritage Conservation Districts. He suggested with the increased staffing in the Heritage department that a two-year time frame for completion of future heritage conservation districts may be possible.

MOVED by William Breckenridge, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report examining the possibility of requesting the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to:

- 1. expedite the Old South Suburb and Schmidville Heritage Conservation District (HCD) plans to be presented to the Heritage Advisory Committee and Halifax Regional Council before January 2, 2018; and**
- 2. explore a two-year time frame of completion for any future Heritage Conservation Districts.**

Kurt Pyle, Acting Manager, Heritage Planning, noted that the proposed time frame of January 2, 2018 would not work procedurally. Kurt Pyle indicated that work is being realigned internally to speed up the process and work toward completion of the two proposed heritage conservation districts. Staff are working to deliver the Schmidville Heritage Conservation District report for the February 24, 2018 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District report is about six months out. Staff clarified that the proposed motion will add extra work to heritage planning staff workload and may delay things further.

The Committee further discussed with staff the challenges encountered with the creation of the heritage conservation districts, and efforts that are being made to move them forward. Staff advised that following completion, a review of the timeframe and lessons learned will be undertaken to make improvements to the process for future Heritage Conservation Districts.

Iona Stoddard left the meeting at 4:03. p.m.

William Breckenridge withdrew the motion on the floor and put forward the following motion:

MOVED by William Breckenridge, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a review to improve time frames for any future Heritage Conservation Districts after the completion of Schmidville Heritage Conservation District.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEES UPDATES (Verbal)

11.1 Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Stakeholder Steering Committee

No updates were available.

12. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 24, 2018

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant