

# HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES March 28, 2018

PRESENT: Iona Stoddard, Chair

Jenny Lugar, Vice-Chair Councillor David Hendsbee

Janet Morris Dylan Ames

William Breckenridge Melanie Baker Derek Bellemore

REGRETS: Councillor Richard Zurawski

Paul Cole

STAFF: Aaron Murnaghan, Principle Planner, Heritage Planning

Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner David Perusse, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, and information items circulated are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m., and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 28, 2018

MOVED by Dylan Ames, seconded by Derek Bellemore

THAT the minutes of February 28, 2018 be approved as presented.

### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Derek Bellemore, seconded by Dylan Ames

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

William Breckenridge noted to the Committee that they had a conflict of interest relating to Item 9.1 on the agenda, being "Case H00445: Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Plan, Bylaw, and Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use Bylaw for Halifax Peninsula." Breckenridge explained that a member of their immediate family, and someone with whom they currently reside, own property within Schmidtville, which will be effected by the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District.

### 6.CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

### 7.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received on item 9.1, which was circulated to members of the Committee.

### 7.2 Petitions - None

#### 7.3 Presentations

### 7.3.1 Friends of Schmidtville - Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District

The following was before the Committee:

Correspondence submitted by Larry Haiven dated November 27, 2017.

Lyndon Watkins, presenting on behalf of the Friends of Schmidtville, spoke to the Committee about the proposed Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District. Watkins touched upon the cultural and historic significance of the Schmidtville neighbourhood, and emphasised the need to protect the heritage of this community for the future.

The Chair thanked Lyndon Watkins for the presentation.

### 8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

### 9. REPORTS

# 9.1 Case H00445: Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Plan, Bylaw, and Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use Bylaw for Halifax Peninsula

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated March 6, 2018, and Attachments
- Revised Schedule C Item 9.1
- Correspondence submitted by Ronald Smith, dated March 21, 2018

William Breckenridge recused themselves from the meeting table at 3:23 p.m. for the duration of the discussion and vote on item 9.1.

Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, provided the Committee with a presentation on Case H00445. The presentation outlined the purpose of Heritage Conservation Districts, the historic significance of the Schmidtville neighbourhood, and how the proposed Heritage Conversation District will be implemented in Schmidtville.

McGreal noted to members of the Committee that the Revised Schedule C: Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Heritage Design Guidelines, circulated to members at the meeting, removed seven (7) properties from the plan located on Brenton Street and Brenton Place.

Following the staff presentation provided by McGreal, Larry Haiven, Chair of the Schmidtville HCD Stakeholder Steering Committee, was invited to speak to the Committee about the proposed Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District. Haiven clarified that they were speaking only on behalf of the Schmidtville HCD Steering Committee.

Haiven noted the Schmidtville HCD Stakeholder Steering Committee's role and contributions to the development of the proposed Schmidville Heritage Conservation District. They also shared the Steering Committee's views on some of the shortcomings of the proposed Heritage Conservation District, as outlined in their report.

MOVED by Janet Morris, seconded by Derek Bellemore

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

- 1. Give First Reading to consider the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the amendments to the Land Use By-law for Halifax Peninsula as contained in Attachments C and D and schedule a public hearing;
- 2. Give First Reading to consider the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Plan and the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Bylaw as contained in Attachments A and B, and schedule a public hearing; and
- 3. Adopt the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax, the Land Use Bylaw for Halifax Peninsula, Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Plan, and the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Bylaw as set out in Attachments A, B, C, and D.

### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair thanked Seamus McGreal and Larry Haiven for their presentations.

William Breckenridge rejoined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

### 9.2 Schmidtville HCD Stakeholder Committee Report

The following was before the Committee:

Report from the Schmidtville HCD Stakeholder Steering Committee, dated March 28, 2018.

The following matter was dealt with by the Committee as part of item 9.1.

# 9.3 Case H00457: Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Financial Incentives Program Closing

The following was before the Committee;

• Staff recommendation report dated March 5, 2018

Seamus McGreal, Heritage Planner, provided the Committee with a presentation on Case H00457: Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Financial Incentives Program Closing. The presentation touched upon the work completed through the program, as well as the timeline for the closing of the program.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Melanie Baker

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

- Approve a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, for the completion of all eligible work and a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, to receive all invoices, agreements, and other supporting documentation for outstanding applications of the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Financial Incentives Program, excluding the Keith Building (1588 Barrington Street) and NFB Building (1572 Barrington Street) applications;
- 2. Approve a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, for the completion of all eligible work and a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, to receive all invoices, agreements, and other supporting documentation for the Keith Building (1588 Barrington Street) and NFB Building (1572 Barrington Street) applications of the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Financial Incentives Program.

Responding to questions of clarification from members of the Committee, McGreal noted that the closing of the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Financial Incentives Program opens the possibility of implementing new Financial Incentives Programs for additional Heritage Conservation Districts, such as the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District.

### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair thanked Seamus McGreal for the presentation.

# 9.4 HAC Centre Plan Staff Discussion

In response to a motion by Janet Morris for provisions in Centre Plan restricting demolition of properties that pre-date 1918, Aaron Murnaghan, Heritage Planner, spoke to the Committee on the role of the Heritage Advisory Committee as it relates to the Centre Plan. Murnaghan further noted methods that members can use to effectively seek input on the Centre Plan as it relates to areas within the Heritage Advisory Committee's mandate.

Based on the discussions with staff and representations that the proposed Centre Plan does not require amendment of Halifax Regional Municipality Charter by the Province, Janet Morris withdrew her motion, notice of which was given at the February 28, 2018 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

### 10. MOTIONS - NONE

### 11. HCD STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEES UPDATES (Verbal) - NONE

### 12. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

# **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** April 25, 2018

# **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

David Perusse Legislative Assistant