



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACCESSIBILITY IN HRM
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
June 3, 2019**

PRESENT: Julia Bremner, Chair
Victoria Levack, Vice Chair
Haylee Milne
Elizabeth Doull
Jacki Purcell

REGRETS Jillian Banfield
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Brian George
Councillor Richard Zurawski

STAFF: Eric Lucic, Manager for Regional Planning, Planning & Development
Kasia Tota, Principal Planner, Planning & Development
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm at Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax NS

2. Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw (Package A)

The following was before the Advisory Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 3, 2019
- A staff presentation dated June 3, 2019

MOVED by Jacki Purcell, seconded by Vicky Levack.

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019.**
- 2. Adopt the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019.**

Eric Lucic, Manager for Regional Planning, and Kasia Tota, Principal Planner, presented an overview of the Centre Plan documents. Staff outlined the purpose and objective of the regional plan and the role of the committee in the approval process. Staff noted the existing planning strategies for the region and clarified that Package B will cover the downtown core. Staff briefly outlined recent engagement efforts and summarized recent changes to the document since it was presented to the committee last year, such as built form regulations, bonus zoning and heritage property regulations.

The Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM identified the following accessibility considerations for the Executive Standing Committee to consider when evaluating the proposed Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw (Package A):

- The importance of integrating affordable housing units and recognizing the impact of the Centre Plan on diverse communities;
- The inclusion of accessibility features, equipment and upgrades to new and existing housing units within the Density Bonus program;
- Ensuring that the Bonus Zoning program includes provisions for accessibility features within the public benefit such as barrier free access, elevated seating with support handles, etc.;
- Consideration to accessibility when regulating landscaping, parking, and sign requirements;
- A consistent definition of the term "built form" which is compatible with the terminology being considered in provincial legislation;
- The use of plain language in the development of a user guide for the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.

The following amendment was proposed:

MOVED by Jacki Purcell, seconded by Vicky Levack

THAT the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM recommend that the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council establish an inclusive definition of the term pedestrian that includes users of wheel chairs, mobility scooters, assistive devices, and infant strollers.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the Committee now reads:

MOVED by Jacki Purcell, seconded by Vicky Levack

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend that the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments

A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019.

2. Adopt the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019 with consideration to the following:

- **establishing an inclusive definition of the term pedestrian that includes users of wheel chairs, mobility scooters, assistive devices, and infant strollers**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant