



**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
July 23, 2025**

PRESENT: Tyler Brothers, Chair
Rosa Milito, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Nancy Hartling
Jason Cooke
Brian MacDonald
Joann Rofihe
Ruby Shepherd

REGRETS: Meghan Chadwick
Paul Clarke
David Jones
Danielle McCabe

STAFF: Kurt Pyle, Manager of Culture, Heritage & Planning
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Brian MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. Case H00583: 2025/2026 Financial Incentives Program for Schmidville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated May 15, 2025
- Staff presentation dated July 23, 2025

Shaoqiu Gong, Planner I gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Gong spoke to the distinction between Conservation Grants and Functional Improvement Grants.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the Financial Incentives Program applications listed in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 15, 2025, 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 C being satisfied; and**
- 2. Approve the reallocation of excess Financial Incentives Program funds to the standby list properties in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 15, 2025 if an approved project in Attachment A does not proceed or incurs expenses below the estimated amount, 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 C being satisfied.**

Gong responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Gong spoke to the history of registrations for several of the subject properties and the protected heritage assets.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Joann Rofihe

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee amend part 2 of the motion to read: 2. Approve the reallocation of excess Financial Incentives Program funds to the standby list properties in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 15, 2025, prioritizing 26-002 before other properties, if

an approved project in Attachment A does not proceed or incurs expenses below the estimated amount, 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 C being satisfied.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hartling

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the Financial Incentives Program applications listed in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 15, 2025, 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 C being satisfied; and
2. Approve the reallocation of excess Financial Incentives Program funds to the standby list properties in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 15, 2025, prioritizing 26-002 before other properties, if an approved project in Attachment A does not proceed or incurs expenses below the estimated amount, 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 C being satisfied.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

5. PLANAPP-2023-00991: Heritage Development Agreement for 86 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth for a 15-storey mixed-use development and rehabilitation of a registered heritage property

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated April 8, 2025
- Staff presentation dated July 23, 2025

Elizabeth Cushing, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hartling, seconded by Rosa Milito

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council:

1. Give notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated April 8, 2025, to enable the construction of a 15-storey plus penthouse mixed-use building behind the registered heritage property located at 86 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth, and schedule a public hearing;
2. Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated April 8, 2025; and

Require the agreement 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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 27, 2025

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant