



Heritage Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 5:00 pm
3rd fl. Council Chambers
Town Hall

The Heritage Advisory Committee met on January 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall.

Present HAC

Joe Ballard, Chair
Alana Hirtle, Member, Vice Chair
Bill Thomas, Deputy Mayor
Debbie Pryor, Councillor
Ken Henderson, Member
Elinor Mahar, Member

In Attendance

Jason Fox, Heritage Officer; Angela Redmond, Secretary; David Quinn, Municipality of Colchester; Margaret Hawkins and Justin Stewart, Duffus Romans Kundzins Rounsefell Architects Limited

Call to Order

J. Ballard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

On motion of A. Hirtle, 2nd E. Mahar, the agenda was amended to include the TAAC #2 Construction Battalion.

Minutes

On motion of K. Henderson, 2nd B. Thomas, the minutes of October 4, 2024 were approved as circulated.

1 Church Street – Accessibility Ramp

Jason Fox, Heritage Officer, advised the Committee that even though the property is Municipally Designated, the proposed ramp project is a human rights issue (accessibility to a public building) and building code issue; these acts and regulations would supersede the Heritage Property Act, regulations, and bylaws –

Conflict with Building Code Act 191 Where there is a conflict between this Act or the regulations and the Building Code Act or regulations, the Building Code Act and regulations prevail. 1991, c. 10, s. 4

Margaret Hawkins, the Architect, provided an overview of the proposed changes to the building's front entrance, which include a new entrance door and an accessible ramp.

J. Ballard proposed that the bottom stair blends into the sidewalk and suggested using granite stair treads. The Architect acknowledged this suggestion and indicated that she would explore the option further. However, she emphasized that the tread heights must comply with the applicable building code requirements.

The Architect advised that the proposed balusters/railing would be black and the handrail would be stainless steel.

The members provided feedback on the proposed exterior changes and wanted the baluster and handrail to be entirely black.

67 Inglis Place – Development Agreement Application

J. Fox, Director of Planning, provided an overview of an Application Briefing dated December 4, 2024, on a Development Agreement Application by Factory 58 Holdings Incorporated to permit Mixed-Use Development consisting of a four-storey building with 30 dwelling units, 1088.8 m² (3,572 ft²) of street-level commercial space, and a parking area for 21 vehicles with access off Havelock Street.

J. Fox informed the members that the Municipal Planning Strategy Policy DC-56 mandates that the Heritage Advisory Committee must review all Development Agreement Applications within the Downtown Core Policy Area. The Committee is required to provide a recommendation to Council based on the specific criteria outlined in Policy DC-57.

K. Henderson requested that the applicant provide samples of the proposed material for the façade. J. Fox will advise the applicant of this request and provide an update at next month's meeting.

Election of Officers

On a motion of K. Henderson, 2nd E. Maher, J. Ballard was re-offered for the position of Chair, and A. Hirtle expressed interest in the position of Vice Chair. Both nominees accepted the positions. Motion carried.

67 King Street – Proposed Alteration

Councillor B. Thomas, the owner of 67 King Street, has requested approval for an alteration to his structure. The alteration involves removing the second-story dormer at the rear of the building, restoring the original roofline, and adding a scotch dormer on the south-facing side. Additionally, he intends to construct a rear addition in the future.

This property is located within the Heritage Conservation District and is subject to the *Heritage Conservation District Plan and Bylaw*.

On a motion by A. Hirtle, seconded by Councillor D. Pryor, it was recommended that the proposed alteration be issued with a Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion carried.

Councillor B. Thomas abstained from the vote.

Heritage Bylaw – HAC Membership

A. Redmond informed the members that the Heritage Bylaw stipulates that the Heritage Advisory Committee must consist of at least seven (7) members. Currently, there are six (6) members. It was agreed that two (2) positions would be advertised to recruit new members.

Town of Truro's 150th

K. Henderson provided an update on the organizing committee for the Town's 150th anniversary celebration. He advised that the Town has finalized and approved a logo design, which will be featured and promoted in connection with upcoming events. Members were encouraged to submit suggestions for additional ways to celebrate the Town's 150th anniversary of incorporation.

Spire – Heritage Trust Donation

J. Ballard read correspondence from the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, which expressed support for restoring the cupola/spire of the former Normal College building. The Trust has indicated its willingness to consider a grant of up to \$5,000 to assist with the restoration, provided the project aligns with the criteria outlined in the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

Councillor B. Thomas advised members that he had drafted a letter regarding the fundraising opportunity for Margaret Atwood on behalf of Mayor Hinton.

J. Ballard requested an update on the Federal Designation Ceremony for the Old Normal College, which was supposed to take place in 2020. A. Redmond advised that Jason Fox, Heritage Officer, plans to follow up with Parks Canada on the plaque ceremony.

TAAC – No 2 Construction Battalion – Name Change

J. Ballard expressed concern regarding the TAAC's (Truro Amateur Athletic Club) name change and the fact that the Heritage Advisory Committee was not consulted before removing the TAAC name.

J. Ballard raised concern that removing the name would be seen as disrespectful to the Town's heritage. The TAAC grounds were originally developed by the Truro Amateur Athletic Club in 1870 and were privately funded before being taken over by the Town.

Other Business

No other business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

J. Ballard, Chairperson

A. Redmond, Secretary