



## **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Committee Room #2, City Hall**

### **MINUTES**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Maureen Arvanitidis	- Community Member
John Davies	- Vice-Chair, Community Member
Rosanne Hood	- NWHPS Representative
Troy Hunter	- Community Member
David Sarraf	- Community Member (Left at 8:03 p.m.)

#### **REGRETS:**

Jenelle Davies	- Community Member
Deane Gurney	- Community Member

#### **STAFF:**

Britney Quail	- Heritage Planner
Rob McCullough	- Manager, Museums & Heritage Services
Heather Corbett	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the agenda of the February 6, 2019 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted, with the following amendments:*

- 5.1 Appointment of Alternate Chair to Community Heritage Commission;*
- 5.2 Appointment of CHC Representative to Heritage Grant Committee; and,*
- 5.3 Heritage Buildings on Carnarvon Street*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of December 5, 2018**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the December 5, 2018 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Committee Orientation**

Heather Corbett, Committee Clerk, led a round of introductions and provided a PowerPoint orientation presentation, reviewing the following documents:

- Community Heritage Commission (CHC) Terms of Reference;
- Committee Rules of Conduct;
- City of New Westminster (CNW) Respectful Workplace Policy;
- CNW Social Media Policy; and,
- Freedom of Information Permission Forms.

Ms. Corbett administered the Oath of Office to all members of the CHC present.

### **3.2 Heritage Orientation No. 1**

Britney Quail, Heritage Planner, provided Heritage Orientation presentation, including the following information:

- The definition and types of heritage value, using examples of UNESCO sites;
- Heritage conservation jurisdictions, and the difference between Federal and Provincial jurisdictions;
- Heritage tools such as protection areas, recognition types and interpretive methods;
- Types of protection and the tools used by the City for protecting assets, i.e. covenants, heritage designation bylaws, heritage revitalization agreements, and heritage conservation areas; and,
- The Commission's role in the discussion of heritage within New Westminster and suggestions for the Commission to consider when evaluating heritage items.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Quail provided the following information:

- There is no legislative requirement for non-protected buildings that are up for demolition to undergo consultation with the Community Heritage Commission (CHC);
- The City's policy is that any building built before 1969 (50 years or older) is reviewed by heritage Planning staff. If historic merit is sufficient, staff may reach out to the applicant to discuss opportunities to retain the house or negotiate an HRA;
- For properties that are not protected, it is the owner's legal right to continue with a demolition permit;
- If a building is reviewed as having heritage value, Planning staff can refer to the CHC for comment and a possible recommendation for a Temporary Protection Order;
- The City does not have authority to withhold demolition, however the City could designate a property by Bylaw and compensate the owner for potential zoning entitlement value; and,
- The CHC is not required to acknowledge, comment or have opinion on the demolitions reported in the agenda package, however discussion is always welcome.

#### **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items

#### **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Appointment of Alternate Chair to Community Heritage Commission**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT John Davies be appointed as the Alternate Chair of the Community Heritage Commission for the 2019 term.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

##### **5.2 Appointment of CHC Representative to Heritage Grant Committee**

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT John Davies be selected as the Community Heritage Commission representative to the Heritage Grant Program Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums & Heritage Services, noted that most of the grant committee work occurs electronically.

### 5.3 Heritage Buildings on Carnarvon Street

Commission members raised the following points in reference to several heritage buildings on Carnarvon Street:

- The A.W. McLeod Building at 50 Sixth Street is featured in the New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society booklet, with notes that the building has a notable pedigree, as a famous architect and businessman was the former proprietor; and,
- In reference to the Columbia Street Historic District map which Ms. Quail previously sent out to Commission members, there are a few notable buildings that were not included, such as the original Federal Ministry of Fisheries and Indian Affairs building, and the Metro Hall.

In response to questions and comments made by the Commission, Britney Quail, Heritage Planner, noted the following:

- The Columbia Street Historic District was set in the 1980s,
- It is part of the Development Services' five-year work plan to update the heritage register across the City, and possibly update the historic district boundaries to include buildings which contain important heritage elements and stories from the 1950s onwards;
- The register update would be 3-5 years in scope and scheduled to begin in 2022-2023;
- Council may put any building with historic significance on the heritage register, however the practice is not to do so without the owner's consent; and,
- In regards to the A.W. McLeod Building, the re-zoning application has been approved and the next step would be the issuance of a demolition permit. If any delay was enforced, Council may be required to compensate the developer, related to the restricted Zoning entitlement.

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the CHC recommend to Council a review of the heritage significance of the McLeod Block (50 Sixth Street) based on the following factors:*

- *It was designed by leading city architects Gardiner and Mercer;*
- *Alfred W. McLeod's business was of City importance; and,*
- *The building style is Edwardian Classical Revival.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Irving House Restoration Update**

No update was provided.

## **6.2 General Inquiries from the Commission**

### **a) Status of Two Houses on the 400 Block of Ninth Street**

In response to a question from the Commission about the status of two houses on the 400 block of Ninth Street, Britney Quail, Heritage Planner, noted that, due to an apparent renovation taking place, the City had recently sent a letter to the owners indicating the zoning and historic significance of one of the houses, however no response had been received as of the date of the CHC meeting.

### **b) Columbia Theatre**

In response to questions from the Commission, Britney Quail, Heritage Planner, provided the following information about a recent pre-application review for the Columbia Theatre:

- An HRA pre-application review was recently received and supported in principle by the LUPC for heritage retention of the majority of the theatre, and the addition of approximately 20 storeys of tower, and a parkade;
- The theatre is a protected building with two heritage covenants (for outside and inside heritage features);
- Staff are still evaluating the feasibility of the proposal, however it would be far more extensive in terms of retention of heritage features than previous inquiries related to the site;
- The renovations would include the addition of a hotel and commercial frontage, where the theatre space is retained; and,
- The ability to move forward with this proposal would be subject to a re-zoning process and would be at the authorization of Council after a public hearing; and,
- If the project moves forward as an HRA, it would be reviewed by the CHC.

The Commission commented that it would be ideal to restore the inside of the theatre, as it is one of the last remaining atmospheric theatres in Canada

Ms. Quail noted that she would provide additional details on the Columbia Theatre proposal to the Commission by email.

### **c) Living Heritage**

The Commission discussed the importance of living heritage and aboriginal involvement in City activities, and made the following comments and suggestions:

- Queen Victoria's 200th birthday would be May 24, 2019 and this may be cause for celebration;
- There may be an opportunity to bring forward aboriginal activities in a festival spirit, including the following ideas:

- Canoe races on the Fraser River, or around Poplar Island;
- An aboriginal powwow similar to the “Gathering of the Nations” in Arizona; and,
- One central organization, or department within the City, may be well placed to pull such activities together and spearhead efforts.

Councillor McEvoy, Chair, made the following comments:

- The City is currently undergoing a reconciliation process and the Commission’s comments could be raised during this process; and,
- The City does not organize events so much as facilitates them, so any ideas could be put forward to the Festival and Events Advisory Committee.

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums & Heritage Services, noted that in terms of the future Aquatic and Community Centre, the City has engaged a consultant to reach out to the aboriginal community to discuss the types of ceremonies and events that could be hosted at the future building.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the CHC recommend to Council that the Canada Games Pool Replacement and other capital projects consider aboriginal peoples in their development, design and future activities.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

**d) Heritage Strategy**

Councillor McEvoy noted that his intention was to take more time before introducing any new form of heritage strategy.

**6.4 Demolition Permit Applications Issued as of Jan 23, 2019**

<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>YEAR BUILT</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD</b>
930 Tenth Street	1911	Kelvin
312 Fenton Street	1941	Queensborough
435 Canfor Avenue	1973	Brunette Creek
313 Boyne Street	1981	Queensborough

In response to questions from the Commission, Britney Quail, Heritage Planner, provided the following information:

- The demolition permit applications list includes any applications since the previous time the list was pulled, therefore this covers the time period of December 6 to January 23; and,
- The list covers applications made throughout the City.

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter (January 2019)**
- 7.2 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter (December 2018)**
- 7.3 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter Special Issue (December 2018)**

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the correspondence items be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **8.0 NEXT MEETING**

- 8.1 Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in Committee Room #2, or at the call of the Chair.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Certified correct,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

**Councillor Jaimie McEvoy**  
**Chair**

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**Heather Corbett**  
**Committee Clerk**