

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010 6:05 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Councillor Betty McIntosh	
Garnet Hardy	- Community Member
Karen Hasselfelt	- Community Member
Jim Hutson	- Community Member
Kathleen Langstroth	- Heritage Preservation Society

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member
Naomi Johnson	- Community Member
Jeanette LaPointe	- Community Member

STAFF:

Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services left at 7:20 p.m.
Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of December 2, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held on December 2, 2009 be approved

CARRIED.

All members of Commission voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Demolition Review Process – continued discussion

Lisa Spitale, Director of Development Services explained the City has some discretion in rezoning of multi-family, commercial and mixed use areas. However, when it comes to single family houses, the City has no discretion unless the house is in a heritage conservation area of which the City has none.

Due to the frustration the Commission is feeling with respect to the process, Ms. Spitale suggested the Commission might want to set demolition priorities by the age of a building then form public policy accordingly until the Heritage Register is more complete. She noted that people are motivated by incentives and there are things that can be explored to encourage owners of heritage buildings to put them on the Heritage Register.

A member suggested that the Commission could better spend their time putting together packets for the Planning Department to hand out to owners of heritage buildings. Commission members felt the demolition process would be better served if the Planning Department contacted the Commission when the owner first approaches the City. At that point, a Commission member could contact the owner and review the advantages of not demolishing the heritage building.

The Committee continued the discussion with the following comments made:

- Identify valued properties on the heritage inventory as “Recommended for Heritage Designation”.
- Design an informational brochure on Heritage Revitalization Agreements (HRA) that addresses misconceptions about heritage issues.
- Include pictures in the brochure of renovated heritage houses.
- Establish a date i.e. pre 1950 or pre 1960 that will flag staff so they may distribute the brochure at the front end of the process;
- Find out what the City can offer as incentives and tie that into the new HRA policy;
- Staff to look at comments from this meeting and incorporate them into the heritage review policy;
- Look at funding sources to do a survey of City neighbourhoods.

Ms. Spitale left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Recess was called at 7:36. The meeting was reconvened at 7:41

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to incorporate comments from this meeting into the Heritage Demolition Policy draft.

CARRIED.

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

4.2 Demolition Permits – review by Demolition Sub-Committee Chair

- **333 Keary Street**

This property is listed on the City's Heritage Inventory, so it must be reviewed by the CHC for a recommendation, followed by a staff report to City Council prior to the demolition permit being issued.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the request for demolition of the house at 333 Keary Street be permitted.

CARRIED.

Two members of Commission opposed the motion.

- **2110/2112 Edinburgh Street**

This application was sent to the CHC Demolition Subcommittee on December 17, 2009 (no comments were received by staff in the allotted time). The application received staff 'approval' on December 29, 2009.

Commission members did not comment on this item.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 **223 Fourth Avenue – Building Permit Application**

This house is listed on the City's Heritage Inventory. According to City policy, the CHC may review building permit applications where the work will impact the heritage elements of the building. The applicants wish to add a 107 sq ft addition to the main floor in order to enlarge their dining room.

Comments from the Commission

- Recommend owner do something more characteristic with respect to windows in the bay.
- Not referencing anything of the period.
- Posts seem to be floating - should be enclosed.
- Roofline does not match anything.

Staff will take the above comments to the architect.

5.2 **218 Burr Street – Heritage Alteration Permit**

This property is formally protected with a Heritage Revitalization Agreement. Therefore, any exterior alterations are to be reviewed by the CHC. The applicant wishes to add a small shed roof over the entrance to a new (allowed) secondary suite. The shingles and finish will match the colour and style of the existing house.

Commission members supported this application.

5.3 Queensborough – Oldest Houses

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner reported Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton and Associates, has been retained to conduct a review of extant houses built 1911-1925 in Queensborough.

5.4 Workshop Update – “How to be an effective CHC” – Rick Goodacre

At the December 2, 2009 meeting, staff was asked to schedule a time for Rick Goodacre, Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia to make a presentation to the Commission. The proposed date in February did not work for Mr. Goodacre. Staff will find an appropriate date in March that will work.

5.5 Policy for the Use of Heritage Revitalization Agreements – Discussion

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

5.6 Request for additions to Heritage Register – 411 & 413 Twelfth Street

Ms. Schueck reported she was planning to take a request to Council recommending the properties at 411 and 413 Twelfth Street be added to the Heritage Register. She has spoken with the owners and has suggested an HRA. An assessment has been done and a Statement of Significance has been written for each property.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the houses at 411 and 413 Twelfth Street be placed on the Heritage Register; and

THAT if a demolition application comes forward prior to the next Community Heritage Commission meeting the Commission supports a temporary protection order.

CARRIED

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

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 “Dormers and Doorways” District of North Vancouver – Winter 2009

6.2 “The Beijing Appeal” UNESCO – December 6-12, 2009

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following reports be received on table:

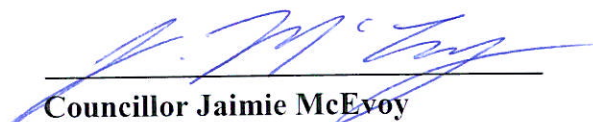
- New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter Number 355 December 2009
- New Westminster Historical Society Special Issue #36 December 2009
- Heritage Week article regarding the Salmonbellies lacrosse team being chosen for the Heritage Week poster for 2010.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

February 3, 2010 at 6:00pm in Committee Room No. 2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair



Donna Martin
Committee Clerk