



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**September 4, 2013 6:00p.m.
Committee Room No. 2**

NOTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Davies	- Community Member
Robert Johnson	- Community Member
Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member, Interim Chair
Catherine Hutson	- Heritage Preservation

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Councillor Jamie McEvoy	- Chair
Councillor Betty McIntosh	- Vice Chair
Keith Hutchinson	- Community Member
Harry Buchholz	- Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Schueck	- Heritage & Community Planner
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

Procedural Note: Quorum was not achieved for this meeting.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda was amended by:

- *Adding new item 1.1 – Appointment of Interim Chair (Gavin Hainsworth)*
- *Adding new item 5.4 – 336 Agnes Street – Heritage Value*

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of July 10, 2013

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 There were no presentations.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 1012 Third Avenue – Heritage Alteration Permit

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided details regarding the Heritage Alteration Permit for 1012 Third Avenue. Ms. Schueck advised that the applicant would like to extend the rear deck by 21 inches.

Discussion ensued, and there was a general consensus that the application conforms to the Heritage Conservation Plan.

4.2 Royal City Builders Awards – Judging

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, requested the Commission to select the winners for the 42nd Annual Royal City Builders' Awards. Discussion ensued, and winners were selected for each of the following categories:

- a) Heritage Renovation;
- b) New Home that Respects New Westminster Heritage, and;
- c) Exterior Heritage Restoration (Heritage Shield).

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.2 Hyack Square – Statement of Significance

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided a draft Statement of Significance regarding the importance of Hyack Square. It was noted that the future '*Wait for Me Daddy*' sculpture will be placed in Hyack Square, and that the City will ultimately apply to give the square national heritage status.

Discussion ensued, and the following points were noted:

- The 'Wait for me Daddy' project is a wonderful initiative;
- Hyack Square is in a beautiful location;
- Two of Canada's most notable architects are associated with Hyack Square through the BCER Building and the old Railway Station;
- Commemorative objects for the event will be established, and;
- The two 'Wait for me Daddy Events,' which include the unveiling of the sculpture in 2014 and a national march in 2015, will be extremely beneficial to the City.

5.3 728, 734 and 746 Ewen Avenue – Potential Demolition with Proposed Redevelopment

Ms. Schueck reported that the properties at 728, 734 and 746 Ewen Avenue in Queensborough are part of a rezoning application to rezone the three properties from RQ-1 (single family) to RT-3 (multi-family) and allow for the construction of a 37 unit townhouse project. Ms. Schueck informed the Commission that the Heritage Assessments completed by Mark Wittig, President of Basil Restoration at both 728 and 734 Ewen Avenue show the interior of the homes to be in poor condition with serious structural issues that would be very costly to restore. Ultimately, the property at 746 Ewen Avenue is restorable, but at a high monetary cost.

Ms. Schueck distributed an on table item from Matthew Cheng, Architect with AIBC Architects, in response to the report from Basil Restoration. Mr. Cheng provided the following opinion on the property at 746 Ewen Avenue:

- The basic wood frame is the only feature that could be retained in the existing building;
- The only original material that could be restored on the exterior of the building is some of the trim work;
- There would not be much heritage value architecturally, as 95% of the exterior would not be original, and;
- Restoring the property would ultimately result in the townhouse project becoming impracticable.

Discussion ensued, and the following points were noted in regards to 746 Ewen Avenue:

- Architects have expressed concern for the high cost associated with saving the building;
- The property may not benefit from an HRA, however, the City use a heritage designation bylaw for it as a condition of rezoning;
- The Commission should seek Council's views relative to saving this property, and;
- More action given to research on the initial home owners of all three houses may be helpful, and consider saving any restorable/salvageable elements that reside in the units.

5.4 336 Agnes Street – Heritage Value (on table)

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, brought forward an on table report regarding 336 Agnes Street Heritage Review.

Ms. Schueck noted that property, which is known as the Dontenwill Hall, was initially designed for the St. Peter's Catholic Church. Further, it is currently one of the only multipurpose halls left in the downtown area, and the current owners have shown proof that it is still being used.

Discussion ensued, and the following points were made:

- The hall remains difficult to rezone, due to the fact that it requires off-street parking, which could be resolved by the HRA;
- There seems to be enough heritage value left, so the use of an HRA should be explored further;
- In the future the hall could be used as corporate offices and community space, and;
- The hall is located in an ideal location, as the Elementary school is only a block away.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item):

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided details regarding the following:

- a) *1801 Eighth Ave* – A demolition application has been received for this property. Ms. Schueck reported that she has drafted a template letter which she will send out to applicants who are considering the demolition of their properties in order to advise them of heritage retention opportunities
- b) *702 Salter Street* – Nickel Bros, is in the process of relocating the house in order for the developer to complete fill work.
- c) *'Wait for Me Daddy' Project* – The artists who have been chosen for the project are both Canadian, and will have the sculpture completed by the 2014 unveiling event. Further, there will be a commemorative coin and stamp issued for the 2015 International event and a commemorative march conducted. The 2014 event will be community-focussed and the 2015 event will be an international event.

6.2 Heritage Revitalization Agreement Policy – Proposed Revisions

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.3 Press Release “City of New Westminister and Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver Unveil Mosaic Tile to Commemorate Early Chinese Immigrants to New Westminister”

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.4 Recent Adoption of Bylaw No. 7606, 2013 'to Authorize the Withholding of Approvals in Respect to Heritage Property' – Council Report and Signed Bylaw

Ms. Schueck noted that Bylaw No. 7606 was adopted at the August 26, 2013 Council Meeting.

6.5 Demolition Permits Issued

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, reported that the following demolition permits were issued for the following addresses:

- 504 Amess Street
- 831 Fourteenth Street
- 1120 Dublin Street
- 314 Archer Street
- 1712 Nanaimo Street
- 2233 Ninth Avenue

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

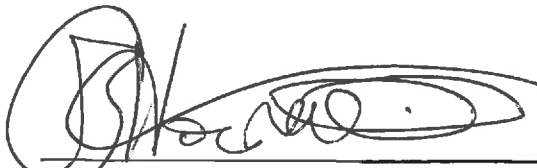
8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 Next Meeting Date:

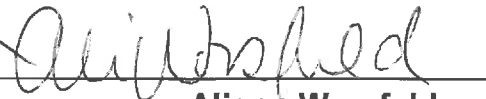
October 9, 2013 (in Committee Room No. 2) 6:00pm

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was terminated at 7:45 p.m.



Gavin Hainsworth
Chair



Alison Worsfold
Committee Clerk