

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**December 3, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
John Davies	- Community Member
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Barry White	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- Heritage Preservation

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member
Tegan Cheremkora	- Community Member
Robert Johnson	- Community Member
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member

GUESTS:

Rick Dixon	- Resident
Gerry Blonski	- Gerry Blonski Architect
Steve Peng	- Gerry Blonski Architect
Molly Chan	- NSDA Architects

STAFF:

Julie Schueck	- Heritage & Community Planner
Rob McCullough	- Manager of Museums and Archives
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of October 22, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held October 22, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 223 Queen's Avenue – HRA Application

Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner, summarized the Committee of the Whole report dated October 20, 2014 regarding an application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaw for 223 Queen's Avenue.

Rick Dixon, Resident, introduced himself as the property owner's son, noting that he was attending the meeting on behalf of his mother. Mr. Dixon provided a background of the property, and outlined further details as summarized in the report dated October 20, 2014. In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Dixon advised that the proposed basement suite would be rented out to a caretaker to offset healthcare costs.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schueck noted the following information:

- The applicant was required to complete a heritage conservation plan;
- The City has not permitted the applicant to establish a driveway off Queen's Avenue, as it could negatively impact the heritage component of the house; and,
- Discussions will be held with the Engineering department with respect to enforcing additional patrols to regulate unpermitted vehicles parked in the Queen's Park neighbourhood.

The Commission expressed concern regarding the development exacerbating the parking issue in the Queen's Park neighbourhood.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaw for 223 Queen's Avenue be supported.

CARRIED.

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

3.2 327 Fourth Street – HRA Application

Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner, summarized the Committee of the Whole report dated September 15, 2014 regarding an application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaw for 327 Fourth Street. In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schueck advised that the applicant is requesting minor variances for the size of the building.

Gerry Blonski and Steve Peng, Gerry Blonski Architect, outlined the conservation plan as summarized in the report dated September 15, 2014.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission noted the following comments:

- The proposed façade and veranda are visually appealing;
- It was suggested that original features located in the interior of the house be salvaged if possible;
- It was suggested that the design and appearance of the house would be more suitable for a modern development;
- Concerns were expressed regarding the overall massing of the house, specifically related to the upper floor;
- It was suggested that the double gable roof be removed to enhance the esthetic appearance of the house; and,
- The project, with the recommended alterations, could be a heritage gain for the city.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement and Heritage Designation Bylaw for 327 Fourth Street be supported provided the applicant work with staff towards minimizing the massing of the house, specifically related to the upper floor.

CARRIED.

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

3.3 659 Columbia Street – Façade Work

Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner, summarized the memorandum dated December 3, 2014 regarding an application to commence façade work at 659 Columbia Street.

Molly Chan, NSDA Architects, advised that the original arches located on the façade were built in the 1960s and will be removed. Ms. Chan noted that the developer plans on applying a fresh coat of paint on the top floor, as well as upgrade the current window system.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the application to commence façade work at 659 Columbia Street be supported.
CARRIED.

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

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Update on Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Process

Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner, advised that approximately 600 surveys regarding Queen's Park neighbourhood topics of interest have been distributed to Queen's Park neighbourhood residents. A report regarding the progress of the study process will be forwarded to Council on December 8, 2014.

Ms. Schueck noted that a public lecture series will commence in January 2015, which will feature keynote speaker Marco D'Agostini, the City of Vancouver's Senior Heritage Planner, presenting information regarding Vancouver's Heritage Action Plan.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)

Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner, reported that an application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement for 420 St. George street has been received by the Planning department.

6.2 Demolition Permits Issued in 2014 (until November 26, 2014)

Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner, outlined the list of demolition permits issued in 2014.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 English Heritage, *Conservation Bulletin*, Issue 73: Winter 2014

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 January 7, 2015 in Committee Room No. 2 at 6:00 pm or at the call of the Chair

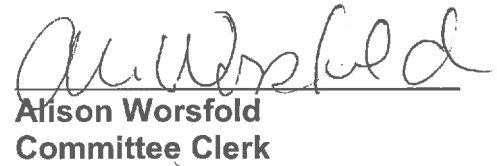
9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Certified Correct,



Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair



Alison Worsfold
Committee Clerk