



## **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**January 8, 2014 6:00p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2**

### **MINUTES**

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

Councillor Betty McIntosh	- Vice Chair
John Davies	- Community Member
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member
Harry Buchholz	- Community Member
Robert Johnson	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- Heritage Preservation (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

#### **VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:**

Councillor Jamie McEvoy	- Chair
Keith Hutchinson	- Community Member

#### **STAFF:**

Rob McCullough	- Manager, Cultural Services
Julie Schueck	- Heritage & Community Planner
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Procedural Note:** Councillor Betty McIntosh assumed the Chair.

### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*That the agenda be amended by:*

- *Adding Item 7.5 – E-mail from Rob McCullough Re: Cultural mapping*

**CARRIED.**

*AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.*

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 4, 2013

#### MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the minutes be amended by:*

- *Amending Item 6.1 to read "One of the **albums** contains photographs **owned by Colonel Moody, New Westminster, Royal Engineers, and the first documented aboriginal in British Columbia. The Heritage Preservation Society bid on the album, but lost to a bid of \$26,000**" instead of "One of the albums contains photographs **of Colonel Moody, New Westminster, Royal Engineers, and the first documented aboriginal in British Columbia. The Museum bid on the album, but lost to a bid of \$26,000.**"*

**CARRIED.**

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

## 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

## 4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 4.1 505 Twelfth Street – Photographs and Historic Information

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided details regarding an application that has been received to consolidate and rezone the properties at 501 and 505 Twelfth Street to allow a multi-family market condominium development and noted the following:

- There are two houses located on the property of 505 Twelfth Street, one dated 1907 and 1935;
- A conditions assessment found that the retention and rehabilitation of either houses would be impractical;
- On October 9, 2013, the Community Heritage Commission recommended *"THAT historical research from a professional be conducted, that as-found drawings be created, that good quality photographs of the four elevations be taken, and that the stone step marked with 'River View' be incorporated in the landscape"* for the two houses at 505 Twelfth Street;
- A Sense of History Research Services Inc. has since provided historical information and the applicant's architect has provided as-found floor plans for the two houses; and,
- All of the information will be kept on file in the New Westminster Museum and Archives department.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the historical research, as-found drawings and photographs for the houses located at 501 and 505 Twelfth Street be received.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 845 Royal Avenue – HRA Amendment**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the report dated December 9, 2013 from Beverly Grieve, Director of Development Services, regarding a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) project for 845 Royal Avenue that began in 2009 and noted the following:

- The Telford Block began the process of a HRA project in 2009;
- The HRA anticipated that six market condominium units would be created, as stated in the initial proposal;
- The new property owner is amending the proposal to include ten efficient bachelor units and one three-bedroom unit;
- The applicant intends on having the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church retain ownership of the three bedroom unit as a parsonage for a Minister, who would also be assigned as the building manager for the bachelor units;
- The bachelor units are intended to be rented to overseas students who are attending Douglas College; and,
- The applicant is requesting to vary the required off-street parking to zero;

The Commission agreed that it is commendable to see a developer with plans to revitalize the Telford Block, which was recently listed on the top 10 most endangered building list in New Westminster.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the request to amend the 2009 Heritage Revitalization Agreement for the property located at 845 Royal Avenue be supported.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**5.2 Heritage Week 2014 – February 17-23 2014: “Wait for Me, Daddy”  
Subject of Heritage Sketch and Judging Date**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided the following details regarding Heritage Week 2014:

- This year Heritage Week falls between the dates of February 17 – 23, 2014 and will highlight the ‘Wait for Me, Daddy’ photograph;

- There are two contests to celebrate Heritage Week. Kindergarten to Grade 3 will partake in a colouring contest, and grades 4 and 5 will partake in a heritage drawing, photography, or combination of both that recognizes this year's theme;
- The contest entry deadline is Monday, February 24, 2014;
- The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 7, 2014 in Council Chambers; and,
- In the past judging has been done by members of the Community Heritage Commission.

It was announced that those interested in helping judge the contest are to advise Ms. Schueck at the next meeting.

**Procedural Note:** Catherine Hutson entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

### **5.3 Heritage Home Event**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided details regarding the City's annual Heritage Register Homes Workshop and noted the following:

- The Heritage Homes Workshop has been held exclusively for Heritage Register homeowners;
- The first Heritage Register Homes Workshop was held on June 4, 2011;
- Discussions are in progress between the Heritage Planner and the Community Energy Manager to develop a half-day workshop, which will focus on energy-efficiency options for historic homes;
- Staff are working towards hosting the workshop in April 2014; and,
- Monte Paulsen, Certified Energy Advisor, will be a keynote speaker at the event.

### **5.4 609 Columbia Street – Begbie's Tavern – consideration of new sign**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided information regarding an application that has been received to install a projecting sign on the front façade of the Coulthard-Sutherland Block at 609 Columbia Street, and noted the following:

- A development variance permit is required for the sign;
- The proposed sign does not comply with the City's Sign Bylaw requirements, as it has more than three colors and it is approximately twice the size of what is allowed;
- The Coulthard-Sutherland Block is both listed on the City's Heritage Register and the National Heritage Register; and,
- The building is part of a grouping of late Victorian and Edwardian era commercial buildings in the historic downtown area.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Concerns was expressed regarding the historical inaccuracy with the date on the sign;
- The flashiness of the sign could attract more attention to the downtown area;
- The shape and style of the sign is appropriate;
- The proposed colours do not compliment the awning on the building or the colours of the surrounding businesses; and,
- It may be beneficial to amend the colour red proposed on the sign to burgundy.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the variance request for the projecting sign at 609 Columbia Street be supported, subject to the date being removed from the sign.*

**CARRIED.**

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

<b>6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION</b>
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**6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item):**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided an update regarding the following:

**Heritage Register (624 and 630 Columbia St.)** – A report regarding the removal of 624 and 630 Columbia Street from the Heritage Register will be going to Council on January 13, 2014.

**Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Working Group** – The Terms of Reference for the Group is currently being drafted. Council established the Group with the goal of reducing demolitions and encouraging people to retain their heritage homes. The membership will include the Councillor who is the Chair of the Heritage Commission.

**746 Ewen Avenue HRA** – A report for information will be included with the February 5, 2014 Community Heritage Commission agenda with respect to the Heritage Revitalization Agreement application for 746 Ewen Avenue. This matter will appear before Council in January 2014.

**Woodlands Interpretive Panels** – A Task Force meeting has been scheduled to discuss details regarding the Woodlands Interpretive Panels.

**Demolitions** – Ms. Schueck advised that there are two possible demolition permits that may be submitted to the City in the near future. The house located at 420 St. George Street, which was built in 1890, and the house located at 374 Simpson Street, which was built in 1909.

**6.2 Heritage Action Plan to Update Vancouver's Heritage Conservation Program. City of Vancouver Policy Report, November 26, 2013**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the report from the City of Vancouver dated November 26, 2013 regarding the Heritage Action Plan to Update Vancouver's Heritage Conservation Program and noted that the City of Vancouver is governed by the Vancouver Charter rather than the Local Government Act. Ms. Schueck suggested that the ideas put forth in the report could be a useful tool for the City of New Westminster.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the report from the City of Vancouver regarding the Heritage Action Plan to Update Vancouver's Heritage Conservation Program be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**6.3 Conserving Heritage Buildings in a Green and Growing Vancouver. Vancouver Heritage Foundation, 2012**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the report from the Vancouver Heritage Foundation regarding Conserving Heritage Buildings in a Green and Growing Vancouver.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the report from the Vancouver Heritage Foundation regarding Conserving Heritage Buildings in a Green and Growing Vancouver be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

**6.4 Singbeil, Kelsey. Study of the Comparative Value of Heritage and Non-heritage Houses in Vancouver, for the Vancouver Heritage Foundation, 2005**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the report from Kelsey Singbeil regarding the study of the Comparative Value of Heritage and Non-heritage houses in Vancouver.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the report from the Vancouver Heritage Foundation regarding the Study of the Comparative Value of Heritage and Non-heritage Houses in Vancouver be received for information.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## 6.5 Demolition Permits Issued

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, advised that the following demolition permits have been issued:

1719 London Street	West End
529 Carnarvon Street	Downtown
515 Carnarvon Street	Downtown
527 Carnarvon Street	Downtown
242 Osborne Avenue	Glenbrooke North

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the following items be received for information:*

7.1 **Eakes, John. Heritage Window Restoration. *Home Builder Magazine* [online].**  
[http://www.homebuildercanada.com/2605\\_Heritage-Window.htm](http://www.homebuildercanada.com/2605_Heritage-Window.htm)

7.2 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 403, December 2013**

7.3 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, Special Issue #52, December 2013**

7.4 **Heritage BC Update, December 2013**

**CARRIED.**

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

7.5 **E-mail from Rob McCullough Re: Cultural Mapping**

Rob McCullough, Manger of Cultural Services, provided the following information regarding Cultural Mapping:

- The online map will feature cultural assets in a variety of fields throughout New Westminster, such as venues, festivals, individuals, organizations, public art/monuments, heritage and stories;
- The map is a partnership between the Arts Council of New Westminster, the City of New Westminster and Douglas College;
- A survey was launched in 2013 to collect details about New Westminster's cultural resources, and to populate the map with assets; and,
- The survey will be online until January 20, 2014.

Councillor McIntosh advised that the annual Civic Dinner, which is held in honour of committee appointees, will not be held in Spring this year. Council has decided to delay the dinner until the Anvil Centre opens in the Fall of 2014.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**


**8.1 Next Meeting Date:** February 5, 2014 (in Committee Room No. 2) 6:00pm

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Certified Correct,

  
Councillor Daimie McEvoy  
Chair

  
Alison Worsfold  
Committee Clerk