

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

May 7, 2014 - 6:00p.m.
Committee Room No. 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jamie McEvoy	- Chair
John Davies	- Community Member
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Robert Johnson	- Community Member
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member
Barry White	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- Heritage Preservation

REGRETS:

Councillor Betty McIntosh	- Vice Chair
Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member
Tegan Cheremkora	- Community Member

GUESTS:

Jonina Campbell	- School District #40
Doug Templeton	- School District #40
Mark Mathiasen	- Graham Hoffart Mathiasen Architects
Dr. Jeff Dresselhuis	- Westminster Medical Association
Dr. Nora Tseng	- Westminster Medical Association

STAFF:

Rob McCullough	- Manager, Cultural Services
Lynn Roxburgh	- Planner
Kathleen Stevens	- Planning Assistant
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of March 5, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held March 5, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 New Middle and Elementary Schools

Doug Templeton, School District #40, provided information regarding the two new schools being built in New Westminster, noting that the Ecole Qayqayt Elementary School will open in September 2014, and the middle school will open in September 2015. Mr. Templeton advised that the goal is to replace New Westminster Secondary School between 2017 and 2018.

Mark Mathiasen, Graham Hoffart Mathiasen Architects, provided the following details regarding the landscape aspects of Ecole Qayqayt Elementary School:

- The school is located on site of the former Saint Mary's Hospital and will include heritage references to reflect the hospital's history;
- A landscaped garden area will be provided on the southwest corner of the site;
- A pedestrian and bicycle path is being planned north of the site; and,
- The Westminster Medical Association (WMA) has provided funding towards the creation of a historical plaque at the site.

Dr. Jeff Dresselhuis and Dr. Nora Tseng, Westminster Medical Association (WMA), provided the following information regarding WMA's efforts to incorporate the history of Saint Mary's Hospital at the elementary school site:

- Interpretive panels, featuring work by Heidi Mueller, will be mounted in the school's library;
- Brick recovered from the site will be incorporated into a bench in the landscaped garden and the southwest corner of the site; and,
- There will be two plaques displayed on site. One was discovered on site during excavation. The other is a new Saint Mary's Hospital memorial plaque, which will be unveiled following the school's opening in September 2014.

Mr. Mathiasen provided the following details regarding the development of the new middle school, to be located at the current John Robson Elementary School site:

- The school building will include a Neighbourhood Learning Centre;
- The landscape plan will include elements that reference the existing elementary school, which will be demolished;
- If possible, the original footprint of the foundation of the John Robson School will be incorporated into the new landscape;
- The School District would like to incorporate the existing school's cupola into the design; however, the cost of restoration is in excess of their budget; and,
- The School District is requesting the City provide \$25,000 in order to proceed with the work to save and restore the cupola.

Jonina Campbell, School District #40, advised that the School Board is committed to preserving and incorporating as many heritage features as possible into the new schools. There will be a "Goodbye John Robson Elementary School" event planned in the future.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission noted the following comments:

- It was suggested that the plaques, which provide a physical history display for the students, are a significant aspect of the new elementary school;
- The team was commended for their work celebrating the heritage of both sites;
- Incorporating the current retaining foundation corners of John Robson Elementary School into the new middle school landscape plan was encouraged; and,
- It was suggested that the City take measures to ensure Royal Avenue is safe for students travelling to and from school.

Rob McCullough, Manager of Cultural Services, noted that the Museum and Archive Department would be interested in accessioning artifacts discovered at either of the sites that will not be on display in the new schools.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider funding up to \$25,000 for the cupola restoration;

AND THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the use of the salvaged brick in the landscaped area and the design of interpretive panels being placed in the library.

CARRIED.

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

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 New Middle and Elementary Schools – Heritage Elements

This recommendation was discussed with item 3.1.

Catherine Hutson, Heritage Preservation, announced that the 35th Heritage Homes and Tea Tour will be held on May 25, 2014 at 14 different venues. Ms. Hutson advised that tickets are for sale online at <http://newwestheritage.org/heritage-homes-tour/>.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)

a) Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Working Group

Kathleen Stevens, Planning Assistant, advised that the Queen’s Park Residents’ Association and the New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society have each nominated two people to be members of the Working Group. Ms. Stevens noted that the Planning Division has received twenty applications for the six available spots on the Working Group, and that a report will be brought forward to Council to make a final decision on the applicants appointed to the Working Group. Ms. Stevens reported that the first meeting for the Working Group is scheduled for May 22, 2014.

b) Heritage Homes Workshop

Kathleen Stevens, Planning Assistant, noted that the April 26, 2014 Heritage Homes Workshop was a success. Ms. Stevens advised that there were approximately 45 registrants and three keynote speakers at the event, which concluded with an expert panel with a speech from a local homeowner who completed a retrofit on his 1930s house.

6.2 Heritage Week 2014 Awards Ceremony – Verbal Update

Kathleen Stevens, Planning Assistant, advised that the April 7, 2014 Heritage Week Awards Ceremony was a success, noting that there were 50 winners who received great prizes, including four bicycles.

6.3 Heritage Canada: The National Trust – Call for Nominations! Top Ten Endangered Places List

Kathleen Stevens, Planning Assistant, advised that Heritage Canada has distributed a call for nominations for the top ten endangered places list. The deadline for nominations is May 16, 2014.

6.4 Demolition Permits Issued

The following demolition permits have been issued:

835 Surrey Street (garage)	Victory Heights
487 E Eighth Avenue	Sapperton
1007 Dublin Street	Kelvin
809 Ewen Avenue (garage)	Queensborough
316 Ash Street (garage)	Uptown
1014 Tenth Avenue	Kelvin

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Heritage 2014, Volume XVII No. 1, The Magazine of Heritage Canada, The National Trust
- 7.2 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 406, March 2014
- 7.3 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 407, April 2014

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Date: June 4, 2014 (in Committee Room No. 2) at 6:00 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Certified Correct,


Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair


Alison Worsfold
Committee Clerk