

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

October 22, 2014 - 6:00 p.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
Barry White	- Community Member
Tegan Cheremkora	- Community Member
Robert Johnson	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- Heritage Preservation

VOTING MEMEBRS REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member

STAFF:

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

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

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

5.4 Royal City Builders Awards Inquiry

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of July 2, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the July 2, 2014 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Update on Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Process

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study group is studying research topics that have been developed as part of the early stages of the study, and that a questionnaire with respect to the research topics has been distributed to Queen's Park residents, which is also available on the City's website. Ms. Schueck noted that an open house will be held on October 29, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Anvil Centre, which will allow individuals the opportunity to provide input with respect to the proposed research topics.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 711 Columbia Street: New Signage on a Heritage Register Building

Discussion ensued, and the Commission noted the following comments with respect to the proposed new signage located at 711 Columbia Street:

- It was suggested that the applicant has increased the length of the original sign;
- The blue paint and modern accents could attract customers to the business and the downtown area; and,
- It appears that the sign is advertising two businesses.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the new signage located at 711 Columbia Street be supported.

CARRIED.

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

5.3 Heritage Week 2015

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that this year's Heritage Week will run from February 16 to 22, 2015. Ms. Schueck noted that the national theme, "Main Street: At the Heart of the Community," celebrates the social and economic history that makes a community's downtown or Main Street an integral part of a community's past, a vibrant part of the present, and a significant resource to preserve and promote for the future. Ms. Schueck advised that the annual colouring contest for students will be held at this time.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission suggested that the colouring contest theme outline New Westminster's Columbia Street. It was also suggested that the launch for the contest be held on February 9, 2015 at the City's Family Day event at the Anvil Centre.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage Week colouring contest launch be moved to February 9, 2015 (Family Day); and,

THAT the national theme of Main Street be utilized.

CARRIED.

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

5.4 Royal City Builders Awards Inquiry

In response to questions from the Commission, Councillor McIntosh advised that the Chamber of Commerce is organizing the 2014 Royal City Builders Awards, which will be held on November 6, 2014. Individuals can view the Awards' categories on the Chamber's website at www.newwestchamber.com.

Urban Academy HRA Inquiry

In response to questions from the Commission, Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that Robson Manor, which accommodates Urban Academy, is now formally protected by a Heritage Designation Bylaw that was approved by Council at the September 29, 2014 Public Hearing.

Ms. Schueck distributed an on table map outlining Robson Manor's ground level landscape plan, and noted the following information:

- The community consultation phase for the project is ongoing;
- The traffic study is ongoing, as the opening of QuayQuayt Elementary School has resulted in additional traffic in the area; and,
- An open house outlining project details will be held after the November 15, 2014 municipal election.

Ms. Schueck advised that, as a result of input from the New Westminster Design Panel, the main driveway would remain closed to vehicular traffic to increase outdoor space and pedestrian safety. It was also noted that the proposed additional building has been adjusted on the Manitoba Street side to make it more pedestrian friendly.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission suggested that the developer investigate options of stabilizing and reinforcing the existing stone wall during construction. It was noted that there could be issues with properly reassembling the stone wall if it were to be removed, as proposed by the developer.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the developer investigate options of stabilizing and reinforcing the existing stone wall during construction.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Commission supports the retention of the site configuration of the heritage driveway in that it preserves the architectural sightlines of the porte-cochère.

CARRIED.

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

Ms. Schueck advised that, should the development move forward, Urban Academy would assist with the relocation of individuals currently residing in the units of the rental apartment located on the site. Ms. Schueck noted that Urban Academy tenants recently received a courtesy letter outlining the possible timeline for development to commence.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that Council adopted Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaws for 709 Cumberland Street and 746 Ewen Avenue. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaws for 188 Wood Street and 508 Agnes Street will be up for adoption at a future Council meeting.

Ms. Schueck summarized the report dated September 29, 2014 regarding the City's Financial Incentive Project.

6.2 Demolition Permits Issued since the June 2014 meeting

Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner, advised that the following demolition permits have been issued since the June 2014 Community Heritage Commission meeting:

1927 Seventh Avenue	West End
342 Hospital Street	Sapperton
374 Simpson Street	Sapperton
1002 Saint Andrew's Street	Brow of the Hill
1423 Edinburgh Street	West End
1414 Dublin Street	West End
821 Second Street	Glenbrooke North
1919 Dublin Street	West End

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following items be received for information:

- 7.1 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 409, June 2014**
 - 7.2 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 410, July 2014**
 - 7.3 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter Special Issue #52, June 2014**
 - 7.4 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 411, August 2014**
 - 7.5 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter Special Issue #54, August 2014**
 - 7.6 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 412, September 2014**
 - 7.7 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 413, October 2014**
 - 7.8 **New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter Special Issue #55, October 2014**
- CARRIED.**

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

8.0 NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 **December 3, 2014 (in Committee Room No. 2) 6:00pm or at the call of the Chair.**

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Certified Correct,


Councillor Betty McIntosh
Vice-Chair


Alison Worsfold
Committee Clerk