

## **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**August 5, 2015 6:00 p.m.  
Committee Room No. 2**

### **MINUTES**

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

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Chair                                  |
| Catherine Hutson         | - Heritage Preservation                  |
| Roger Nottingham         | - Community Member (exited at 7:18 p.m.) |
| Wayne Janzen             | - Community Member                       |
| Robert Johnson           | - Community Member                       |

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

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| Councillor Lorrie Williams | - City Council     |
| John Davies                | - Community Member |
| Lynn Radbourne             | - Community Member |
| Sajan Mann                 | - Community Member |
| Barry White                | - Community Member |

#### **GUESTS:**

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| Sandra Moore | - Architect |
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#### **STAFF:**

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| Julie Schueck  | - Heritage & Community Planner |
| Rob McCullough | - Manager, Cultural Services   |
| Lauren Blake   | - 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 June 3, 2015**

This item was deferred to the October 7, 2015 meeting.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 1407 Sixth Avenue – HRA Application: Birmingham & Wood Architects**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the project as outlined in the report dated August 5, 2015.

Sandra Moore, Architect, summarized the project as outlined in the report dated August 5, 2015.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Moore provided the following information:

- The new addition would be clad in glazing and wood siding, with tight joints to make it distinct from the rest of the structure;
- The house would retain the same grade relationship but would be moved forward onto a new foundation;
- Currently, there are no internal features that would be salvageable; and,
- The existing stone wall has been compromised and may not meet current engineering requirements.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission expressed support for the project, commending the applicant for retaining the heritage house. In addition, the Commission provided the following suggestions:

- That the statement of significance could be updated as the project moves forward;
- The stone wall probably would not survive demolition;
- The chimney is not a prominent feature and would not be noticeable if it were removed; and,
- That double glazed windows could be utilized on the enclosed porch.

### **3.2 OUR CITY 2041: Vision and Goal - Official Community Plan Update: Lynn Roxburgh**

Lynn Roxburgh, Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Our City 2041 Vision and Goal Official Community Plan update.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission expressed appreciation that the vision statement included heritage and open spaces. In addition, the Commission noted the following comments:

- It was suggested that inclusiveness should be included in the vision statement;
- Heritage provides social capital in New Westminster;
- There is a community awareness and pride that is fed by a local love of heritage and history;
- The history of a home is attached to the people who lived there; and,
- The heritage and history of New Westminster should incorporate all aspects of our history, including multicultural values, class history, gender history.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 319 Governor's Court – Repair of front stairs**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, advised that the stone stairs leading from Columbia Street to 319 Governor's Court are in need of repair, and that the City has received a complaint from the public regarding the state of the stairs. Ms. Schueck noted that the site is a heritage protected property and requires a certain level of maintenance.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schueck advised that the City could pursue legal action should the applicant not complete the necessary maintenance. Ms. Schueck further advised that she is unaware of any injuries due to the stairs; however, the maintenance is a pre-emptive action to maintain safety.

The Commission expressed support for the draft letter attached to the report dated August 5, 2015.

### **5.2 City Hall Renovations – Update**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, reviewed the amendments to Council Chamber as outlined in the report dated August 5, 2015. Ms. Schueck noted that the Chamber is a character defining element of City Hall, and the renovations would not negatively impact the statement of significance.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schueck advised that the Chamber pews would be relocated throughout the city.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission expressed support for the project as presented. The Commission suggested that presenter's seat in the middle of Chamber could be moved further back.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided the following update regarding the City's heritage program:

- An updated painted scheme has been provided for the project located at 827 Eleventh Street;
- The applicant for the project located at Twelfth Street and Fifth Avenue has been requested to retain stone steps located on the property with the inscription "river view";

- A commemorative plaque dated 1960 celebrating St. Peters Church centennial has been discovered at the site of the former St. Peters School;
- The applicant has advised that they would work to salvage the St. Peters Church plaque; and,
- Council issued a permit for 1010 B Third Avenue with an amended design of the windows and roof.

Rob McCullough, Manager of Cultural Services, advised that a celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Irving House has been scheduled for August 8, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Irving House.

## **6.2 Demolition Permits Issued (from May 28, 2015 to June 24, 2015)**

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, advised that the following Demolition Permits have been issued:

| <b>ADDRESS</b>      | <b>NEIGHBOURHOOD</b> | <b>DATE ISSUED</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 121 Jardine Street  | Queensborough        | June 23, 2015      |
| 910 London Street   | Kelvin               | June 15, 2015      |
| 310 Alberta Street  | Sapperton            | June 5, 2015       |
| 805 Agnes Street    | Downtown             | June 3, 2015       |
| 822 Fifth Street    | Glenbrooke North     | June 12, 2015      |
| 1925 River Drive    | North Arm North      | June 9, 2015       |
| 355 Alberta Street  | Sapperton            | June 11, 2015      |
| 1426 Nanaimo Street | West End             | July 10, 2015      |
| 323 Fifth St        | Queen's Park         | May 29, 2015       |
| 554 Amess St        | Sapperton            | July 8, 2015       |
| 204 Howes St        | Queensborough        | July 7, 2015       |
| 1004 Salter St      | Queensborough        | July 17, 2015      |

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 “An Introduction for Homeowners – the 2014 Vancouver Building By-Law”**

### **7.2 “Conservation of Heritage Buildings and Compliance with Vancouver’s Building By-Law”**

### **7.3 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 422, July 2015**

The correspondence was circulate for information.

## **8.0 NEXT MEETING**

### **8.1 October 7, 2015 (in Committee Room No. 2) 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**Councillor Jaimie McEvoy**  
**Chair**

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**Lauren Blake**  
**Committee Clerk**