

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

April 1, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Lorrie Williams	- City Council (Interim Chair)
John Davies	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- Heritage Preservation
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Sajan Mann	- Community Member
Roger Nottingham	- Community Member
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member
Barry White	- Community Member

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Robert Johnson	- Community Member

STAFF:

Julie Schueck	- Heritage & Community Planner
Rob McCullough	- Manager of Cultural Services
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 February 4, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the February 4, 2015 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 The Local Government Act and the Community Heritage Commission (CHC), Current Heritage Projects and Accomplishments

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Local Government Act, the role of the CHC, as well as the City's current heritage projects and past accomplishments.

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

- The City conducts a thorough review of each building upon receipt of a demolition and/or building permit application, at which time the building may be assigned to the City's Heritage Register;
- Although guided by the Local Government Act, the City is permitted to establish additional heritage retention bylaws, such as the conservation of historical trees located on a private property; and,
- It is rare that a historical building is permitted to be relocated from its original property.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission noted the following comments:

- Ms. Schueck was commended for establishing a thorough Statement of Significance for Hyack Square for the 'Wait for Me Daddy' project;
- It was suggested that methods of increasing community awareness and engagement with respect to the importance of heritage retention be investigated;
- Concerns were expressed regarding the City's current prescribed zoning in specific areas, suggesting that developers are establishing unattractive buildings of maximum square footage, which often results in minimal outdoor space and a lack of visual appeal; and,
- It was suggested that the revitalization of the former Keg Restaurant, located at 800 Columbia Street, could benefit New Westminster, as it is of historical significance and is situated in an ideal location.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 327 Fourth Street – Heritage Revitalization Agreement for Review

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, summarized the memorandum dated April 1, 2015 regarding a Heritage Revitalization Agreement and revised design drawings for 327 Fourth Street.

The Commission suggested that although the design has improved, the applicant should apply additional refinements to the house to better enhance its historical elements.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schueck advised that staff continue to work with the developer to address all previous and ongoing concerns.

4.2 Verbal Update on Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Process

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, provided an update regarding the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Process.

4.3 Verbal Update on Heritage Week 2015: “*Main Street: At the Heart of the Community*”

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that judging for the 2015 Heritage Week colouring contest was held in Council Chamber on April 13, 2015. The contest was held for local children from kindergarten through grade three and maintained the theme of 'Main Street: At the Heart of the Community.'

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Register Update

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, summarized the memorandum dated April 1, 2015 regarding an update to the Heritage Register.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission suggest that the properties located at 336 Agnes Street, 709 Cumberland Street, and 746 Ewen Avenue be included in the City’s Heritage Register.

CARRIED.

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

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, provided an update regarding the City’s Heritage Program.

6.2 Demolition Permits Issued (from January 28, 2015 to March 24, 2015)

In response to concerns from the Commission, Ms. Schueck advised that the City's goal is to educate citizens with respect to the demolition process, as well as to provide information regarding heritage programs to realtors for distribution to potential home buyers.

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that the following demolition permits were issued between January 28 and March 24, 2015:

- 101 College Court, Queen's Park
- 1703 Sixth Avenue, West End
- 1028 Cornwall Street, Brow of the Hill
- 1102 Eighth Avenue, Kelvin
- 246 Wood Street, Queensborough
- 621 Fifth Street, Glenbrooke North
- 2125 Dublin Street, Connaught Heights
- 930 Fifth Street, Glenbrooke North
- 356 Pembina Street, Queensborough

6.3 Letter sent to regarding heritage retention options vs. demolition:

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that the following two documents were attached for information:

- The letter dated March 2, 2015 from the City regarding heritage retention options for 621 Fifth Street; and,
- The letter dated March 18, 2015 from the City regarding heritage retention options for 1402 Seventh Avenue.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

7.1 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 417, February 2015

7.2 Vancouver Heritage Foundation Newsletter, Spring 2015

7.3 Heritage 2015, Volume XVIII No. 1, The Magazine of Heritage Canada, The National Trust

CARRIED.

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

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 May 6, 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 7:30 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Lorrie Williams
Interim Chair

Alison Worsfold
Committee Clerk