

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION Minutes

**December 2, 2015 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room #2**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaime McEvoy	- Chair
Councillor Lorrie Williams	- City Council
Roger Nottingham	- Community Member
John Davies	- Community Member
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Robert Johnson	- Community Member
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member
Barry White	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- Heritage Preservation

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Sajan Mann	- Community Member
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GUESTS:

Kirsten Sutton	- D3 Designs
Mark Wittig	- Basil Restoration
Alana Zysblat	- AnceBuilding Services
Katherine Kosman	- Home Owner

STAFF:

Rob McCullough	- Manager, Cultural Services
Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Item 5.4 – Update on Irving House

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 3, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the June 3, 2015 Community Heritage Commission be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

2.2 Adoption of the Minutes of October 7, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the October 7, 2015 Community Heritage Commission be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 205 Clinton Place: Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, outlined details of the Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) as summarized in the report dated December 2, 2015.

Alana Zysblat, Ance Building Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the history and proposed restoration of 205 Clinton Place.

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

- The property has a non-conforming lot size;
- The home would be temporarily raised for the addition of the basement. Once completed, the home would return to its original height;
- The window well adheres to City code and is designed to increase natural light;
- Enclosing the porch would provide additional light to the home and allows for more true living space;
- The gable ceiling would be built to provide a clean roof line for the home;
- A window would need to be removed to allow for the gable ceiling;
- The home would be painted with a historically appropriate colour scheme; and,

- Improving the cladding, shingles, and siding would restore the historical elements of the heritage home.

Although it was noted that the open porch is a heritage defining element, the project was encouraged by all members of the Commission.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the Heritage Revitalization project as presented.

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 Historic-based Landscaping

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the memo dated December 2, 2015 with respect to a resident's request for the Commission's advice regarding historically-appropriate plants and landscaping for a heritage house constructed in the 1890s.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission provided the following comments:

- It was suggested that climbing roses, lilacs, daises, and a combination of low flowering plants with a vegetable garden could be historically appropriate plants;
- Decorative grasses could be too modern for the home;
- Period fencing was suggested as part of the landscape design;
- Additional ideas could come from reference books in the City archive, Butchart or VanDusen Gardens, or the Horticultural Society;
- Brecks, a company from Mills, Ontario, provides home owners with period appropriate landscaping and plant options; and,
- It was suggested that there could be a link on the City website that directs heritage home owners to these resource areas.

5.2 CHC 2016 Member Recruitment

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, informed the Commission that the Committee Member Recruitment deadline was November 20, 2015. Late applications would still be accepted, and the Commission was encouraged to apply if they had not already done so. Ms. Schueck reported that an interest was expressed from several professional architects and builders in the area, which could benefit the Commission.

5.3 CHC Meetings dates for 2016

Councillor McEvoy, Chair, approved the schedule for the Community Heritage Commission's 2016 meeting dates.

5.4 Update on Irving House

Rob McCullough, Manager, Cultural Services, reported that Irving House is scheduled for colour updating, as well as authenticating the furniture and décor to be reflective of the property's time frame. Mr. McCullough provided the following information:

- In the early 1990s, the house was painted various colours utilized during the time frame between 1865-1890;
- Over the years, work has been completed to restore the home to the earliest time period; however, this would have required changing some key features in the home;
- The goal of updating the home is to identify a specific decade and ensure that every room in the house is authentic to that era;
- Staff has decided on a period in the late 1890s, with the anomalies of electricity and plumbing in the house;
- Work has been completed at Irving House to regulate temperature, and monitor the humidity levels;
- Exterior repairs would be required prior to painting; A common colour scheme for this time period would include dark and light greens, different variations of grey and a light blue for the ceiling and porch;
- Different colours would be used on the brick sections on the house to provide contrast;
- Painting is expected to begin in spring 2016;
- Anything on the exterior of the house that cannot be retained would be replaced with the proper materials that align with the appropriate time period; and,
- The railing on the porch is currently blocked off for safety reasons. Cabling may be added so visitors are able to better utilize the porch space.

Following questions from the Commission, Mr. McCullough clarified the following information:

- The Irving House will continue to be on the heritage tour for New Westminster;
- Most furniture in the house is appropriate for the 1890s timeframe;
- Additional furniture and décor not fitting in that timeframe would be moved into the archive collection or deaccessioned ; and,
- Plexi Glass could be considered to meet the required safety standards and maintain the original railing on the porch.

The Commission did not express concerns regarding the proposed changes. The Commission suggested that a future Community Heritage Commission meeting be held at the Irving House.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, advised that the Queens Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study has one final meeting before its work is completed. With respect to the Speak Up About Heritage meeting, Ms. Schueck advised that the event was a success, with over 80 people in attendance. The community expressed support for additional heritage retention options. Ms. Schueck noted that an update regarding the event would be brought forward to Council.

With respect to heritage plaques, Ms. Schueck advised that the City is considering using materials other than bronze in order to prevent theft.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission suggested that granite, wood, slate, hammered tin or forged iron could be utilized for new heritage plaques. The Commission further suggested that the City investigate what other cities, such as Victoria, utilize for their heritage plaques.

Procedural Note: Item 6.2 was discussed prior to item 6.1

6.2 Demolition Permits Issued

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that the following demolition permits were issued between October 7 and November 20, 2015:

ADDRESS	YEAR BUILT	NEIGHBOURHOOD	DATE ISSUED
507 Blackford St	1902	Queen's Park	November 18, 2015

1514 London St	1944	West End	November 18, 2015
732 Fourth St	1924	Glenbrooke North	October 28, 2015
1920 London St	1943	West End	October 23, 2015
2034 Ninth Ave	1947	Connaught Heights	October 21, 2015
1504 Sixth Ave	1949	Brow of the Hill	October 29, 2015
217 Howes St	1938	Queensborough	October 30, 2015
302 Fifth St	1940	Queen's Park	October 23, 2015

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schueck explained that she thought the demolition permit issued for 302 Fifth Street was only for the garage portion of the home.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 National Trust for Canada letter

This item was deferred to the January 6, 2016 meeting.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 January 6, 2016 (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 7:19 p.m.

Certified correct,

Councillor McEvoy
Chair

Debbie Johnstone
Committee Clerk

