

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes

January 6, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaime McEvoy	- Chair
Councillor Lorrie Williams	- City Council Representative
Roger Nottingham	- Community Member
John Davies	- Community Member
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Robert Johnson	- Community Member
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Sajan Mann	- Community Member
Barry White	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society

STAFF:

Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

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

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- Item 4.1- Hyack Square Update

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Item 5.2 - New Westminster Prefabrication Houses

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Procedural Note: Item 5.2 was considered prior to item 2.1

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of December 2, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Community Heritage Commission 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 Hyack Square Update – Verbal Update

This item was removed from the agenda.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Week

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, advised that New Westminster's Heritage Week has been scheduled from February 15 to February 21, 2016. Heritage Canada has created a theme entitled "*Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places*" and Heritage B.C. would be utilizing this same theme. Ms. Schueck enquired if New Westminster's Heritage Week should adopt the same theme, or if the Commission had any further suggestions.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission provided the following comments:

- It was enquired if the City could investigate which homes were the oldest in New Westminster and if a theme could be developed around those homes;
- The oldest homes would not necessarily require a heritage designation; and,
- Using pictures of these homes for the annual colouring contest could be a fun project for children in the area.

A theme of the Oldest Houses of New Westminster was agreed upon by the Commission. Ms. Schueck explained that the number of homes to be chosen for this theme would be dependent on the opinion and price of the artist designing the colouring sheets. Colouring sheets would be provided to schools in New Westminster for the start of Heritage week. Once completed, members of the Commission would be responsible for judging the contest, and winners would be awarded in a presentation in early April, 2016.

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5.2 New Westminster Prefabricated Homes

Roger Nottingham, Community Member, enquired on the details of the prefabricated fishery heritage buildings in New Westminster. Councillor McEvoy, Chair, advised that these buildings are part of an aboriginal land claim and therefore the City is unable to restore or relocate them.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, advised that two Heritage Revitalization Applications that have been received have recently been withdrawn. As a result of this, the heritage home at 1031 Sixth Avenue will have a demolition application come forward.

Ms. Schueck summarized an on-table report dated December 7, 2015 regarding the “Speak out about Heritage” public consultation project. The event was organized by the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study Working Group and received a large level of support from the community.

Following the update, Ms. Schueck informed the Commission that the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Study Working Group is looking into creating an inventory of the age and style of each home in the area.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission provided the following comments:

- It was suggested that other neighbourhoods in the City could provide residents with an opportunity to receive additional information regarding the age and history of their home;
- The Museum and Archives could be involved in this process;
- An interest was expressed in having the City send out congratulatory letters when their home turns 100;

- Plaques could be purchased and displayed by residents with the name of the home and year it was built; and,
- These plaques could tie into New Westminster's Heritage Week.

6.2 Demolition Permits Issued

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that the following demolition permits were issued between November 21 to December 29, 2015:

ADDRESS	YEAR BUILT	NEIGHBOURHOOD	DATE ISSUED
2118 Hamilton St	1942	Connaught Heights	November 25, 2015
628 Second St	1940	Glenbrooke North	December 1, 2015
1028 Third Ave	1905	Brow of the Hill	December 10, 2015
240 Pembina St	1911	Queensborough	December 3, 2015
228 E Eighth Ave	1912	Victory Heights	December 3, 2015
905 Fifth St	1945	Glenbrooke North	December 22, 2015

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 National Trust for Canada letter

7.2 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 425, October 2015

7.3 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 426, November 2015

7.4 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 427, December 2015

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 February 3, 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 6:30 p.m.

Certified correct,

Councillor McEvoy
Chair

Debbie Johnstone
Committee Clerk