

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

July 5, 2017 6:00p.m. Committee Room #2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy - Chair

John Davies - Community Member

Catherine Hutson - New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society

Wayne Janzen - Community Member Roger Nottingham - Community Member

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Laura Moodie - Community Member
Lynn Radbourne - Community Member
David Sarraf - Community Member

STAFF:

Nicholas Hardy - Planning Assistant
Julie Schueck - Heritage Planner
Heather Corbett - Committee Clerk

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

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 7, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the June 7, 2017 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 No Items

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 BC Pen Cemetery Task Force Update

Rob McCullough, Manager of Museums and Heritage Services, was not present at the meeting, but included a report on the BC Pen Cemetery in the agenda package.

Councillor McEvoy advised that a tour to visit the cemetery could be setup for a date in the fall. A suggestion was made to organize the tour in lieu of the August CHC meeting.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Register Update

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the report dated July 5, 2017, regarding the inclusion of eight properties on the City's Heritage Register and noted that the agenda package contained a Statement of Significance for each property.

In response to questions from the Commission, Julie Schueck, provided the following information:

- All properties are part of Heritage Revitalization Agreement projects; and,
- The owners of the properties are aware that their properties are being considered for the Heritage Register.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Community Heritage Commission recommends that City Council consider the inclusion of the following properties on the City's Heritage Register:

- 1407 Sixth Avenue
- 223 Queen's Avenue
- 420 Saint George Street
- 205 Clinton Place
- 327 Fourth Street
- 335 Buchanan Avenue
- 1023 Third Avenue
- 612 Brantford Street;

CARRIED

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

5.2 55 Eighth Street – Sign Permit for a Heritage Register Building

Nick Hardy, Planning Assistant, provided a summary of the report dated July 5, 2017, and attachments, regarding a Sign Permit application for 55 Eighth Street (Odd Fellows Block), which is a building listed on the Heritage Register. A Statement of Significance (SOS) for the property was also supplied as an on-table item.

In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Hardy provided the following information:

- The signs are made of aluminum composite;
- The building is made of bricks;
- In order to create the least amount of damage to the original building material, staff have requested that the signs be mounted through the mortar joints, which the applicant has have agreed to do;
- Staff had asked the applicants to locate one of signs at the entrance door, however the applicants prefer the location of the sign as applied for; and,
- This sushi establishment is a new business located across the street from an existing sushi business.

Upon discussion, the Commission noted that the following comments should be passed on to the Applicants:

- The sign facing Eighth Street should be lowered so it sits equidistant between the two windows; and,
- The Odd Fellows Block is the only building remaining that can be seen in the *Wait for Me*, *Daddy* photo it was suggested that the SOS be rewritten to contain this note.

5.3 800 Columbia Street – Rezoning of a Heritage Register Property

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the report dated July 5, 2017, regarding a Rezoning and Special Development Permit and a Building Permit to allow for the addition of accessibility ramps, changes to landscaping, interior renovations and a licensed premise at 800 Columbia Street, which is a building on the City's Heritage Register.

Ms. Schueck discussed the project and the proposed changes to the building, as included in the agenda package. She indicated that the purpose of the Rezoning application is that the proposed licensed premise is not permitted in the current zoning.

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

- There have historically been issues with sufficient parking for the building, but the applicant's plans for parking are unknown at this time; and,
- The addition of the outdoor gazebo and patio is a new feature for the property.

Upon further discussion, the Commission noted the following comments:

- The proposed renovations are crucial for getting this heritage building back into service and accessible;
- The proposed ramps are important for accessibility and the proposed gazebo should also have a ramp for access;
- The addition of railings to the proposed ramps would improve accessibility;
- If changes are planned for the roof, a suggested colour could be grey to reflect the history of the building; and,
- Parking at the SkyTrain station should improve the access to parking in the area.

John Davies discussed the history of the building, including details about the architect Edward Maxwell, who also designed the Vancouver train station (torn down in 1914).

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that Council support the rezoning application and Special Development Permit as outlined in the July 5, 2017 report; and,

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that the Director of Development Services support the Building Permit application as outlined in the July 5, 2017 report.

CARRIED

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

5.4 914 Thirteenth Street – Heritage Alteration Permit for Work on a Designated Heritage Property

Ms. Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, summarized the report dated July 5, 2017, regarding an application for a Heritage Alteration Permit for work proposed on the designated heritage property at 914 Thirteenth Street. As outlined in the report, the proposed work includes changes to the rear of the house, and to the windows, doors and foundations.

In response to questions from the Commission, Jurand and Kseniia Latek, Owners, provided the following information:

• The proposed deck will be constructed of wood, and the siding on the house will be extended to the deck;

- A gazebo will be constructed at one end of the deck to provide a cover; and,
- The owners were very content to have purchased a designated heritage home and intend to preserve its heritage as much as possible.

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

- This house is an example of a storybook cottage, which gets its name from the shape of the roof; and,
- The owners have an existing building permit for the foundation work, which accounts for the mounds of dirt currently outside the house.

Upon further discussion, the Commission noted the following comments:

- The double French doors would be an appropriate addition to the house, enabling the family to modernize the back of the house;
- The owners should be applauded for purchasing a designated house;

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommends that City Council support the Heritage Alteration Permit for 914 Thirteenth Street provided that:

- a. A detailed window assessment be completed and only windows that are not repairable be replaced; and,
- b. The rear deck design is changed so that it is freestanding and does not tie into the structure of the heritage building.

CARRIED

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

Note: A Commission member suggested that for future meetings, and for privacy reasons, the floor plans of houses could be shown during the meeting, rather than included in the meeting package.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area Process Update

There was no update on the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area process.

In response to a question about the timing of the planned incentives, Councillor McEvoy provided a brief update, noting that the City would likely start community consultations in the fall, and the resulting plan will go to Council for approval. The Commission would likely receive further update on this process in the fall.

6.2 Demolition Permit Applications Received as of June 23, 2017

ADDRESS	YEAR BUILT	NEIGHBOURHOOD
618 Brantford Street	1941	Uptown
1002 Auckland Street	1960	North Arm North
1016 Auckland Street	1960	North Arm North
326 Arbutus Street	1949	Queen's Park
121 Rickman Place	1958	Victory Heights
340 E. Eighth Avenue	1911	Victory Heights
105 College Court	1951	Queen's Park
355 Boyne Street	1945	Queensborough
436 Twelfth Street	1940	Brow of the Hill
1706 Nanaimo Street	1928	West End
215 Manitoba Street	1942	Queen's Park
262 Hume Street	1945	Queensborough

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 Next Meeting Date:

September 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Certified correct,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Heather Corbett
Committee Clerk