



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**September 6, 2017 6:00p.m.
Committee Room #2**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Chair |
| John Davies | - Community Member |
| Wayne Janzen | - Community Member |
| Roger Nottingham | - Community Member |
| Lynn Radbourne | - Community Member |
| David Sarraf | - Community Member |

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

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| Catherine Hutson | - New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society |
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STAFF:

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| Nicholas Hardy | - Planning Assistant |
| Rob McCullough | - Manager, Museums and Heritage Services |
| Heather Corbett | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 July 5, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the July 5, 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, had no update.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

Councillor McEvoy announced that the City had recently been informed of committee member Laura Moodie passing away. A condolence card was circulated to send to her partner.

Councillor McEvoy also announced that Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, had recently left the City's employ, and introduced Nick Hardy, who will be the new staff liaison while Kathleen Stevens is on maternity leave.

5.1 231 Twelfth Street (Gas Works Building) – Proposed Demolition and Removal from Register

Nick Hardy, Planning Assistant, summarized the report dated September 6, 2017, regarding the proposed demolition and removal from the City's Heritage Register of the Gas Works Building, located at 231 Twelfth Street.

MOVED and SECONDED - #1, #2

THAT the Community Heritage Commission support the application for demolition of the building at 231 Twelfth Street (the Gas Works Building); and, THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that City Council remove the building at 231 Twelfth Street (The Gas Works Building) from the City's Heritage Register.

CARRIED

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

5.2 Temporary Protection of 647 Ewen Avenue

Nick Hardy, Planning Assistant, summarized the report dated September 6, 2017, regarding placing a Temporary Protection Order on the property at 647 Ewen Avenue, due to its significance as the National Slovak Society Building.

Mr. Hardy reported that the building has been identified as having high heritage value, especially given that there is a lack of heritage properties in Queensborough, and that the building would be a good candidate for a heritage revitalization agreement. He further discussed that the current owner and a prospective buyer have met with staff and have been informed of HRA benefits and options.

In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. John Storey, the current owner of the property provided the following information:

- Mr. Storey's intention is to sell the property and his potential buyer has applied for demolition;
- Mr. Storey has no interest in restoring the building due to the considerable costs and construction that would be entailed;
- In Mr. Storey's opinion, the building's current condition has been gutted of heritage value and has several structural deficiencies, including:
 - A leaky roof;
 - Inconvenient and small configuration inside with little in the way of kitchen or bathroom space;
 - Lack of foundations;
- The City owns the properties adjacent to the property and the building is surrounded by single family houses; and,
- The front façade is leaking and rotting and the eyebrow has rotted, which leads Mr. Storey to believe that it is likely not worth saving.

Upon discussion, the Commission noted the following comments:

- The site may be a possible candidate for land assembly;
- As it is a mission-style façade and a corner lot, it may be possible to build an entirely new structure and retain the original façade on the front;
- The façade is a very interesting piece that may have heritage value; and,
- The mechanism to save the façade would be an HRA.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission forward a request to Council for Temporary Protection on the building at 647 Ewen Avenue, and for Staff to discuss the restoration of the building façade as a component of a new structure with the Applicant.

CARRIED

Roger Nottingham and Lynn Radbourne voted in opposition.

5.3 535 Front Street – Façade Restoration

Nicholas Hardy, Planning Assistant, summarized the report dated September 6, 2017, regarding a proposal to restore four picture windows along the ground floor

of the building at 535 Front Street, which is listed on the City’s Heritage Register. Nick discussed the proposed windows and the widths and informed the Commission that it was likely that the original heritage building had similar windows to those proposed.

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

- The current owner of the building is unknown.

Upon further discussion, the Commission noted the following feedback on the proposed renovation:

- The building is attractive on the inside and the addition of the new windows will likely be an improvement to the attractiveness of the outside of the building as well;
- The restoration of the windows will add to the ongoing revitalization of the area; and,
- The proposed windows are appropriate for the building.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.2 Demolition Permit Applications Issued as of June 23, 2017

ADDRESS	YEAR BUILT	NEIGHBOURHOOD
2024 Eighth Avenue	1944	Connaught Heights
2234 Eighth Avenue	1941	Connaught Heights
111 E. Eighth Avenue	1959	Victory Heights
340 E. Eighth Avenue	1911	Victory Heights
831 Scott Street	1947	Victory Heights
* It was noted in the meeting that this property should be listed as Massey Heights		
332 Holmes Street	1911	Sapperton
1023 Third Avenue – garage		Brow of the Hill
1309 Ewen Avenue	1946	Queensborough
618 Brantford Street	1941	Uptown
320 Fifth Avenue	1900	Brow of the Hill
414 Seventh Avenue	1936	Glenbrooke North
412 Third Street	1925	Queens Park
2237 Eighth Avenue	1943	Connaught Heights
203 Eighth Avenue	1943	Glenbrooke North
318 Boyne Street	1926	Queensborough
1706 Nanaimo Street	1928	Westend
355 Boyne Street	1945	Queensborough
809 Twenty First Street	1943	Connaught Heights

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, June 2017

7.2 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, May 2017

These items were distributed for information.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 Next Meeting Date:

October 4, 2017, 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,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

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Heather Corbett
Committee Clerk