



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Councillor Jaimie McEvoy - Chair
- Maureen Arvanitidis - Community Member
- Samuel Boisvert - Community Member
- John Davies - Community Member
- Rosanne Hood - NWHPS Representative
- David Sarraf - Community Member

REGRETS:

- Jenelle Davies - Community Member
- Robert Petrusa - Community Member

GUESTS:

- Katie Cummer - Cummer Consulting
- Hazel Sealey - Owner, 709 Cumberland Street
- Dr. Pamela Stern - Simon Fraser University
- Kirsten Sutton - D3 Dimension Drafting and Design Inc.

STAFF:

- Britney Dack - Heritage Planner
- Jacque Killawee - City Clerk
- Rob McCullough - Manager, Museums & Heritage Services
- Kathleen Stevens - Heritage Planning Analyst
- Janet Zazubek - Planning Analyst
- Heather Corbett - Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda of the July 8, 2020 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted with the addition of 6.1.1: Discussion of Property on Demolition list.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of March 4, 2020

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the March 4, 2020 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Decolonizing Municipal Landmarks

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, and Pamela Stern, Simon Fraser University, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a research project being undertaken between the City and Simon Fraser University to build an inventory and history of street names and landmarks in the City, and identify information about individuals, groups and historic events of significance that have not yet been commemorated in the City.

Mr. McCullough and Ms. Stern noted that the aim of the project is not to make decisions about the landmarks, but to engage discussion and identify gaps in the City's commemoration practices.

In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. McCullough and Ms. Stern provided the following information:

- The engagement workshops would likely take place in early fall 2020, depending on the progress of the information collection and how Covid-19 affects the logistics for participation; and,
- The City is not entering into the project with the assumption that street names would change, but rather to have conversations about moving forward.

The Commission provided the following comments:

- This is an important project, and the Commission would appreciate the opportunity to review the results;
- Changing street names can create significant disruption to businesses and residents and should be taken into consideration in any recommendations made as a result of the project; and,
- Consideration could be given to recommending new sub-names for streets, such as has occurred previously in Quebec and South Africa, where the new name is adopted in the community, and the previous street name stays in place for postal considerations.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 709 Cumberland Street Heritage Revitalization Agreement

Kathleen Stevens, Heritage Planning Analyst, reviewed the staff report dated July 8, 2020, regarding a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) for 709 Cumberland Street, and requested that the Commission give feedback and make a recommendation to Council based on questions in the report.

Hazel Sealy, Owner, Kirsten Sutton, D3 Dimension Drafting and Design Inc. and Katie Cummer, Cummer Consulting, provided a Powerpoint presentation, including the following information:

- Goals of the project, including the intent to relocate, rebuild and protect the donated 1930 Henderson house;
- The heritage significance of the Henderson House, including the history, location and decorative elements of the house;
- Preservation details and restoration plans to exterior features of the Henderson House, and proposed colour palette;
- Details of the recreated house which is intended to honour the intent of the previous McKenzie House.

The Commission provided the following comments:

- Appreciation was noted for the project, and particularly the relocation and protection of the Henderson House;
- The approachability of the Henderson House would be altered in its proposed location, due to the increased elevation; and,
- It may not be suitable for the re-constructed McKenzie House to be added to the Heritage Register.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that Council support the Heritage Revitalization Agreement for 709 Cumberland Street, with the condition that the reconstructed McKenzie House not be added to the Heritage Register

CARRIED.

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

5.2 Houses 100 Years and Older: Policy Update

Britney Dack, Heritage Planner, reviewed the staff report dated July 8, 2020 regarding a proposed update to the City's heritage review program whereby the policy would be altered to be consistent with demolition policy, so that it becomes a rolling date policy, and the program be expanded from pre-1900 houses to houses 100 years and older. Ms. Dack noted that feedback and a motion of support or non-support was requested from the Commission.

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

- Any demolition application of houses 100 years of older is referred to the Planning Division's heritage staff and photographs of all four sides of the building must be included as part of the package; and,
- Research and building data on houses 100 years or older are pulled first from building permit records. If staff feels that there is potential for earlier information, then fire insurance maps at City Hall are examined. If more information is needed of an archival nature, staff would then ask the developer for heritage consultant work.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommends Council expand the "Pre-1900" elements of the policy to "Buildings 100 Years Old or Older

CARRIED.

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

5.3 Grants Committee

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, discussed the re-organization of the City's grant program, noting that heritage grants were merged into the Social and Cultural Vibrancy grants program, and noted that a representative from the Community Heritage Commission was needed to participate in the grants review process.

Ms. Killawee provided information on the term of the appointment, the time commitment required, and the process by which the grant applications are reviewed.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission (CHC) appoint Samuel Boisvert as the CHC representative to the Social and Cultural Vibrancy Grant Committee.

CARRIED.

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

6.1 General Inquiries from the Commission

1. Discussion of Properties on Demolition List in Item 6.6

The Commission discussed the property at 408 East Columbia Street, which appears on the demolition list in Item 6.6 of the meeting agenda, noting that although it is not on the City's Heritage Register, it is one of the oldest commercial buildings on East Columbia Street, and still has its historic front and decorative parapets.

In response to questions from the Commission, Britney Dack, Heritage Planner, provided the following information:

- 408 East Columbia Street was part of large rezoning which was approved in 2018, and therefore any discussion about the 1945 building would have occurred during the rezoning process; and,
- There is no specific Sapperton inventory update planned in staff's workplan; however, a comprehensive heritage register update is planned for the future.

In response to questions from the Commission about the house at 308 Fifth Street, which appears on the demolition list in Item 6.6, Ms. Dack provided the following information:

- The building permit for the house at 308 Fifth Street was taken out in 1940 and the construction was completed in 1941, making it on the edge of the requirements for the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area (HCA); and,
- Regardless of the above, the Director of Development Services issued a heritage alteration permit for demolition in the HCA, as well as standard demolition permits for non-protected properties, and as such, this application does not need to go to Council.

The Commission requested that a report and discussion on the demolition permit for 308 Fifth Street be included on the agenda of the next Community Heritage Commission meeting.

6.2 819 Milton Street: Demolition

Procedural Note: John Davies declared a conflict of interest on this matter due to his primary residence being within 100 metres distance of the property, and left the meeting.

Janet Zazubek, Planning Analyst, reviewed the staff report dated July 8, 2020 regarding a proposed demolition of the house at 819 Milton Street, noting that the 1890 building, which is not legally protected or listed on the City's Heritage Register, had been extensively renovated and no heritage material remains.

Ms. Zazubek requested a motion of support or non-support for the demolition from the Commission.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the Director of Development Services issue the Demolition Permit for 819 Milton Street.

CARRIED.

(John Davies absent for the vote due to Conflict of Interest)

6.3 335 Keary Street: Demolition

Kathleen Stevens, Heritage Planning Analyst, reviewed the staff report dated July 8, 2020, regarding a demolition permit that was issued for the house at 335 Keary Street, noting that the pre-1900 building had contained low heritage value and the demolition permit had been issued by the Director of Development Services to prevent delay to the applicant.

In response to a question from the Commission, Ms. Stevens noted that staff had assessed the heritage value of the house by reviewing the photos that had been included in the demolition permit application.

6.4 Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project: Demolition of Eight Houses

Procedural Note: Samuel Boisvert declared a conflict of interest on this matter due to his involvement on the Patullo Bridge Replacement Project through his workplace, and left the meeting.

Britney Dack, Heritage Planner, reviewed the staff report dated July 8, 2020 regarding the demolition of eight houses in the Downtown area, associated with the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project. Although the Province is not required to move through municipal processes or take out a demolition permit, they have agreed to participate in the demolition review process so that the houses can be documented, photographed and the City can archive the buildings' existence.

Ms. Dack noted that it is not expected that the houses would be relocated, and their demolition would likely be expedited to facilitate the construction process of the bridge.

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

- There are no known relocations being arranged for the houses proposed for demolition;
- Although some research was conducted, it is not known by staff if there is any heritage value to the stone wall on Wellington Street at the foot of Hastings Street;

- There is a proposed development application at 108 and 112 Royal Avenue, and the 112 Royal Avenue house is being relocated to 709 Cumberland Street, as noted in Item 5.1; and,
- Staff have received an early proposal for an HRA of the McClure House on Royal Avenue and First Street.

The Commission noted concern with the demolitions associated with the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project and that increasingly more heritage-aged houses are disappearing in the City, and stressed that, where possible, it would be important to be proactive in asking that efforts are made to ensure the houses noted in the report are retained.

Procedural Note: Samuel Boisvert returned to the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

6.5 Interim Development Application Review Process

Britney Dack, Heritage Planner, reviewed the staff report dated July 8, 2020 regarding the Interim Development Review Process, which was previously communicated to the Commission in May, 2020.

6.6 Demolition Permit Applications Issued February 5 to July 2, 2020

Address	Year Built	Neighbourhood
2223 Ninth Ave	1940	Connaught Heights
212 Blackman St	1913	Glenbrooke North
1209-1217 Eighth Ave		Westend
827 Fourth St	1945	Glenbrooke North
1206 Seventh Ave	1937	Westend
1525 Edinburgh St	1941	Westend
408 East Columbia St	1945	Sapperton
308 Fifth St	1940	Queens Park
132 Oakland St	1947	Queens Park
413 Twelfth St (2020)	1911	Brow of the Hill
411 Twelfth St	1910	Brow of the Hill
1123 Eighth Ave (2020)	1913	Kelvin
201 Osborne (2020)	1944	Glenbrooke North
1519 Nanaimo St (2020)	1913	Westend
355 Keary St	1892	Sapperton
2007 Seventh Ave – Fire (2020)	1945	Connaught Heights
224 Durham St – Garage (2020)	1931	Glenbrooke North

Discussion occurred in reference to two of the addresses on the Demolition Permit Applications list, as noted in Item 6.1.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter (March 2020)

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020, or at call of the Chair.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Certified correct,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Heather Corbett
Committee Clerk