



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

**Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance
 Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy*	
Ms. Maureen Arvanitidis	Community Member*
Mr. Samuel Boisvert	Community Member*
Mr. John Davies	Community Member/Alternate Chair*
Ms. Jill Davy	NWHPS Representative*
Mr. David Sarraf	Community Member*

ABSENT:

Ms. Lindsay Macintosh	Community Member**
Mr. Robert Petrusa	Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Britney Dack	Senior Heritage Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development*
Mr. Rob McCullough	Manager, Museums and Heritage Services* Office of the CAO*
Ms. Carilyn Cook	Committee Clerk, Legislative Services*
Ms. Katie Stobbart	Committee Clerk, Legislative Services

*Denotes electronic attendance

**Ms. Macintosh made every effort to attend the meeting but was unable to due to technical difficulties.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor McEvoy opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and recognized that New Westminister is on the unceded and unsundered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples and acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a city, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 November 3, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the November 3, 2021 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

3.2 December 1, 2021 (Notes)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the notes of the December 1, 2021 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Heritage Review (Demolition): 340 Cedar Street

Britney Dack, Senior Heritage Planner, reviewed the staff report dated January 5, 2022 regarding the house located at 340 Cedar Street, which is not legally protected by bylaw but is listed on the City's Heritage Resource Inventory. Commission members are asked to review the heritage value of the building in advance to the Demolition Permit process.

In response to a question from a Commission member, Ms. Dack clarified that the blended aspect of the second recommendation is for staff to receive direction from the Commission to start retention option discussions with the owner and to allow staff to use their discretion with respect to a possible temporary protection order on the house. She noted that including both options would allow staff to move forward without having to come back to the Commission for further direction.

The Commission provided the following comments:

- The evaluation score in the Heritage Assessment should have been higher considering that, overall, the house has been well preserved and is comparable to 328 Second Street which is in the Heritage Revitalization Agreement process. It is a good candidate for restoration;
- Criteria from another city was used and there is nothing noted with respect to the history of the house's owners, etc.; however, New Westminster guidelines address that this is a working class neighbourhood. Value should be assigned to this residence as a working class home in a working class neighbourhood;
- While some may not agree, working class neighbourhoods should be preserved; and,
- Staff should approach the applicant about pursuing an HRA for this house.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Community Heritage Commission recommend the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development direct staff to further explore retention options (i.e. redevelopment or relocation) and, if warranted, forward the application to Council to consider a temporary protection order for the house at 340 Cedar Street.

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.2 Heritage Review (Demolition): 729 Third Ave

Procedural note: Samuel Boisvert, Community Member, declared a conflict of interest as his employer is working on this project. As a result, quorum was lost.

Britney Dack, Senior Heritage Planner, reviewed the staff report dated January 5, 2022 regarding the house located at 729 Third Avenue, which is not legally protected by bylaw, and is not listed on the City's Heritage Register nor on the Heritage Resource Inventory, though is being reviewed due to its old age. Commission members are asked to review the heritage value of the building prior to the Demolition Permit process.

Ms. Dack clarified that the property is zoned RS1, which is standard for the mainland, with a .5 density allowance, and that the current house is .482 in density. She noted that it is designation in the Official Community Plan for ground oriented infill house which is a little higher than the average single detached dwelling but was unsure if a discussion had taken place with the owners regarding their intentions for future redevelopment of the property.

The Commission provided the following comments:

- This house is worth retaining through a Heritage Revitalization Agreement as it is well preserved with little changes and has the bottle glass stucco which is rarely seen in this community;
- This is an enclave and not just the house itself, so there is some importance to retaining the house;
- This is the type of house that tends to get lost over time. It is a good-sized working class house and efforts should be made to preserve it; and,
- Infill housing on the site would be appropriate to increase density and retain the home.

While there was no quorum, all Commission members present noted that they would support having the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development direct staff to further explore retention options (i.e. redevelopment or relocation) and, if warranted, forward the application to Council to consider a temporary protection order for the house at 729 Third Avenue.

5. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES

There were no items.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 2, 2022.

8. END OF MEETING

On MOTION, the meeting ended at 6:23 p.m.

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 Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
 CHAIR

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 Carilyn Cook
 COMMITTEE CLERK