

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

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

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaime McEvoy	- Chair
John Davies	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Laura Moodie	- Community Member
Roger Nottingham	- Community Member
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member
David Sarraf	- Community Member

STAFF:

Rob McCullough	- Manager of Museums and Heritage Services
Britney Quail	- Planning Analyst
Janet Zazubek	- Planning Analyst
Heather Corbett	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of March 1, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the March 1, 2017 Community Heritage Commission meeting be amended as follows:

- The 'd' be struck from the word "relocated" in the motion under item 3.2 on page 5;*
- The motion in item 5.6 be amended to read "THAT the Commission support the draft **Mission** and Mandate statements for the Museums and Archives as presented at the March 1, 2017 Community Heritage Commission meeting"; and*

- *THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.*

CARRIED

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

Procedural Note: The minutes of March 1, 2017 were originally approved at the beginning of the meeting but were reconsidered following item 7.0 after further review by Rob McCullough.

2.2 Adoption of the Minutes of March 28, 2017 Special Meeting

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the March 28, 2017 Community Heritage Commission minutes special meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Orientation Workshop #2 (Britney Quail)

Britney Quail, Planning Analyst, provided a PowerPoint orientation presentation regarding heritage in the municipal context, the second in a series.

Ms. Quail led discussion and highlighted information relevant to the Commission in regards to:

- The definition and examples of heritage;
- Heritage conservation jurisdictions;
- Heritage tools, such as protection areas, recognition types and interpretive methods; and
- The Commission's role in the discussion of heritage within New Westminster

As discussed in the March meeting, the Planning Department will provide the Commission with a glossary of heritage related terms and acronyms.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 BC Pen Cemetery Task Force Update

Laura Moodie, Community Member, reported that there have been no meetings since January, and therefore had nothing to report.

Rob McCullough reported that since January, staff have assessed stones to determine how they could be removed for re-grading work and the stones have been geopositioned for preservation.

4.2 Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area – Next Steps

Britney Quail, Planning Analyst, provided the following update on the next steps regarding the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area:

- Exploring a Heritage Conservation Area was the main recommendation of the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study (2013-2016).
- The first round of community consultation under the Conservation Area Review project was conducted in November 2016. The second round of community consultation has just been carried out and the results are being presented to Council on Monday, April 10th. If the direction provided by the results are endorsed by Council, Staff will draft them into Administrative policy;
- The proposed conservation area would include legal protection for all properties in the Queen's Park area, which addresses managing change (heritage protection) and allowing growth (design guidelines);
- There are three levels of protection available under the Local Government Act for a Conservation Area: Advanced; Standard; Limited
 - Advanced: permit needed for subdivision/consolidation, as well as changes made to front, sides and visible roofline, including full demolition
 - Standard: permit needed for demolition and subdivision/consolidation only
 - Limited: permit needed for subdivision/consolidation;
- All new builds would be required to conform with mandatory design guidelines.
- Exemptions would include interior work, work on the rear of properties, auxiliary buildings, non-building elements and regular maintenance;
- Houses will be placed in levels of protection based on categories referring to the age of the house, as follows:
 - Colonial
 - Boom
 - Designated
 - Register
 - Wartime
 - Post-modern
 - Contemporary; and
- Ms. Quail requested that the Commission provide feedback and recommendations on which categories of houses will be placed in which levels of protection.

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

- The percentage of each category of houses. Colonial/Boom/Designated and Register make up approximately 60% of the area; Wartime is approximately 20%; and post-modern/contemporary is approximately 20%;
- Design guidelines will be applicable to residential buildings only;
- If a house burns down, the house would move down to the limited level and guidelines would apply for the new build;
- Although there are other neighbourhoods of historical significance in the City, Queen's Park is the only area currently being considered for these measures; and
- In the rest of the province, the levels of protection usually only include Advanced and Limited.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission noted the following comments:

- If the Conservation Area passes, homeowners can still use other tools, such as Heritage Designation, to increase protection on their houses;
- The New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society would like to see everything before 1959 in the Advanced category;
- Architectural merit should be a consideration of whether a house moves up in the list of categories; and
- In terms of the City's Museum collection, historical items and stories from the post-modern timeframe are becoming increasingly significant.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the category of Wartime houses (1930-1949) move into the Advanced level of protection.

CARRIED.

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

In further discussion, the Commission noted the following comments:

- Some post-modern houses are very significant in terms of architecture and importance of the families who built them; and
- The 1950s were a time of increased economic activity in Western Canada.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the category of Post-Modern houses move into the Standard level of protection.

CARRIED.

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

Upon further discussion, members of the Commission noted the following comment:

- If houses were built in the depression, they may be of significance due to the hardship of the times.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the category of Wartime houses be split into two categories, defined as Depression (1930-1939) and Wartime (1940-1949).

CARRIED.

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

Staff noted that though recommendations are made to change date ranges within a level of protection, these titles would not be reflected in the final policy documents

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that the Colonial, Boom, Designated and Register categories remain in the Advanced level of protection.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that the Contemporary category remain in the Limited level of protection, except for buildings with exceptional heritage merit.

CARRIED.

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

Staff advised the Commission that their recommendations would be forwarded to Council for their consideration.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

Procedural Note: This item was discussed before item 4.2

5.1 800 Columbia Street (Kelly O'Bryan's Restaurant and Carlos O'Bryan's Pub) – Sign Permit application for a building listed on the City's Heritage Register

Janet Zazubek, Planning Analyst, summarized the report dated April 5, 2017, regarding a Sign Permit application that has been received for 800 Columbia Street (Kelly

O'Bryan's Restaurant and Carlos O'Bryan's Pub), which is a building listed on the City's Heritage Register.

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

- Interior structural work has been completed over last two years.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission noted the following comments:

- The proposed signs seem suitably sized and easily removed if anything needs to change in the future; and
- As this is an Edward Maxwell building, and of note due to its history as a rail station, it may be appropriate for the business to highlight the significance of the building and the architect in their signage.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area Process Update (Standing Item)

Britney Quail, Planning Analyst, provided an update regarding the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area earlier in the meeting and advised that there have been no demolition applications under the Heritage Control Period.

6.2 Demolition Permit Applications Received as of March 28, 2017

ADDRESS	YEAR BUILT	NEIGHBOURHOOD
412 Third Street	1925	Queen's Park
1309 Ewen Avenue	1946	Queensborough
210 Phillips Street	1956	Queensborough
203 Eighth Avenue	1943	Glenbrooke North
2024 Eighth Avenue	1944	Connaught Heights

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 Next Meeting Date:

May 3, 2017 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Certified correct,

Councillor McEvoy
Chair

Recording Secretary