

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010 6:05 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Councillor Betty McIntosh	
Garnet Hardy	- Community Member
Karen Hasselfelt	- Community Member
Jim Hutson	- Community Member
Kathleen Langstroth	- Heritage Preservation Society

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member
Naomi Johnson	- Community Member
Jeanette LaPointe	- Community Member

STAFF:

Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services left at 7:20 p.m.
Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of December 2, 2009

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held on December 2, 2009 be approved

CARRIED.

All members of Commission voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Demolition Review Process – continued discussion

Lisa Spitale, Director of Development Services explained the City has some discretion in rezoning of multi-family, commercial and mixed use areas. However, when it comes to single family houses, the City has no discretion unless the house is in a heritage conservation area of which the City has none.

Due to the frustration the Commission is feeling with respect to the process, Ms. Spitale suggested the Commission might want to set demolition priorities by the age of a building then form public policy accordingly until the Heritage Register is more complete. She noted that people are motivated by incentives and there are things that can be explored to encourage owners of heritage buildings to put them on the Heritage Register.

A member suggested that the Commission could better spend their time putting together packets for the Planning Department to hand out to owners of heritage buildings. Commission members felt the demolition process would be better served if the Planning Department contacted the Commission when the owner first approaches the City. At that point, a Commission member could contact the owner and review the advantages of not demolishing the heritage building.

The Committee continued the discussion with the following comments made:

- Identify valued properties on the heritage inventory as “Recommended for Heritage Designation”.
- Design an informational brochure on Heritage Revitalization Agreements (HRA) that addresses misconceptions about heritage issues.
- Include pictures in the brochure of renovated heritage houses.
- Establish a date i.e. pre 1950 or pre 1960 that will flag staff so they may distribute the brochure at the front end of the process;
- Find out what the City can offer as incentives and tie that into the new HRA policy;
- Staff to look at comments from this meeting and incorporate them into the heritage review policy;
- Look at funding sources to do a survey of City neighbourhoods.

Ms. Spitale left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Recess was called at 7:36. The meeting was reconvened at 7:41

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to incorporate comments from this meeting into the Heritage Demolition Policy draft.

CARRIED.

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