



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 17, 2010 6:05 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member
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GUESTS:

Rick Goodacre	- Executive Director, BC Heritage
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STAFF:

Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda was varied to add the following item:

- *1502 Dublin Street – Built 1941, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected*

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 3, 2010

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held on February 3, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of Commission voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 2010 Commission Orientation – Judi Turner, Assistant City Clerk

Assistant City Clerk Judi Turner reviewed the following:

- Role of members and mandate
- Rules of Conduct (meeting rules of order)
- Committee Recommendations and Council's privilege
- Quorum (attendance requirements)
- Role of Staff secretary and Staff Liaisons
- Policy re: use of City Page and Web site
- Role of Chair
- Council's three term policy.

3.1 Presentation "How to be an effective CHC" – Rick Goodacre

Mr. Goodacre, Executive Director of Heritage BC, reviewed the history of legislation, noting heritage legislation changed in 1994, at which time Heritage Commissions began to form. He described heritage as being very complex as it involves telling people what they may and may not do with their private property. The City essentially has to work through the property owner in order to effect or manage change, even when that property has a Heritage Designation bylaw.

Heritage designation is a way for Council to manage change – it rarely creates museum pieces out of houses. Mr. Goodacre discussed the difference between a house such as Irving House, which is considered important enough to become a museum, compared to an individual's house. He emphasized that every building has to continue to be liveable. In some cases, to be liveable, a house needs to have additions made to it, or updated in terms of electrical, plumbing, etc. As well, the Building Code and the new 'green' part of the Building Code are affecting heritage houses by requiring certain changes be carried out. Over and above all of this, he said, it is important to remember that even though the City can designate a home as a heritage property, the owner still has authority over their property.

When asked what the Commission could do to be effective, Mr. Goodacre advised the Commission take an internal audit of themselves and what they are doing/how they are doing it, ask the community what they want with respect to a heritage program and then advise Council if the current heritage program is not working.

Commission members may be advocates or educators but Mr. Goodacre cautioned against getting ahead of Council's lead. He emphasized that the CHC is an advisory body to Council. He suggested if a CHC member is unhappy with the City's heritage program, the place to express such concern is through an outside organization, like the Preservation Society.

Mr. Goodacre was asked how the City of Victoria deals with demolition applications. He indicated that only properties listed on the Heritage Register or protected properties get review for demolition applications. If a building is not recognized in one of these ways, then there is no way for the CHC or Council to review the demolition or alteration applications.

Heritage designation was described by Mr. Goodacre as a planning tool which should be initiated by the local government for managing change. Some municipalities offer an incentive, such as tax reliefs or grants for the owner of the building. Mr. Goodacre established the treatment of all heritage designated buildings should be consistent with respect to any alteration applications.

Finally, Mr. Goodacre emphasized that a heritage conservation program should reflect the values of the community.

At 7:35 p.m. the Chair asked the members if they wished to continue the discussion or proceed with the agenda. It was determined the remainder of the agenda could be deferred and the discussion continued.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Demolition Permits

The following demolition permits were presented for information only.

- **504 Richmond Street – Built 1908, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.**
- **1116 Edinburgh Street – Built 1944, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.**
- **239 Osborne Avenue – Built 1945, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.**
- **1415 Nanaimo Street – Built 1944, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.**
- **402 Eighth Street – Built 1936, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected**
- **1837 Dublin Street – Built 1938, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected**
- **1502 Dublin Street – Built 1941, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected**

The Commission members had a brief discussion regarding 828 Royal Avenue and recommended the following:

Amended Apr 7/10
 Compensation is given at time of Heritage Designation and future owners are not eligible for further compensation.
 A Section 219 Covenant has more weight than a heritage designation.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT during the demolition and redevelopment of 828 Royal Avenue, the owner be requested to notify the City of any potential historical material uncovered during the process and that the City be allowed to access to the property.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT Item 4.2 – Discussion of Policy for the Use of Heritage Revitalization Agreements and Item 5.2 – Review of Judging Process for Heritage Week be tabled until the April 7, 2010 meeting of the Commission; and
THAT Item 5.1 be received for information only.*

CARRIED.

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

4.2 Discussion: Policy for the Use of Heritage Revitalization Agreements

This item was deferred to the next Commission meeting on April 7, 2010.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 701 Fourth Street – Built 1904, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected (potential demolition)

This item received for information only.

5.2 Heritage Week – Review of Judging Process

This item was deferred to the next Commission meeting on April 7, 2010.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Article “Victoria Must Pay For Designation”, Heritage BC

6.2 Interior Heritage Designation of Rogers’ Chocolates by the City of Victoria – Arbitration result regarding compensation

6.3 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter – No. 357, February 2010

6.4 CHC 2010 Meeting Schedule

Revised June and September dates, July and August meetings at the call of the chair

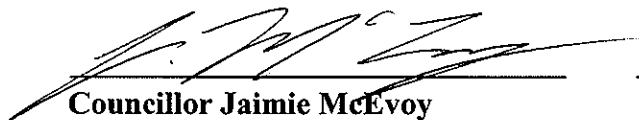
7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 6:00p.m., Committee Room No. 2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



**Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair**



**Donna Martin
Committee Clerk**