



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

October 13, 2010 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Betty McIntosh	- Vice Chair
Gavin Hainsworth	- Community Member
Karen Hasselfelt	- Community Member
Jim Hutson	- Community Member arrived at 6:12 p.m.
Kathleen Langstroth	- Heritage Preservation Society
Jeanette LaPointe	- Community Member

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Garnet Hardy	- Community Member
Laura Moodie	- Community Member

STAFF:

Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda was varied to add the following:

- Item 3.2 – Heritage BC – Leslie Gilbert and Eric Pattison;
- Item 4.3 – CHC Networking Conference
- Item 5.6 – 230 Third Avenue
- Item 5.7 – 318 First Street

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of September 15, 2010

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Commission held on September 15, 2010 were received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Fraser Cemetery – updated drawings, David Cole, Engineering

Dave Cole presented updated drawings for the proposed arch for the Fraser Cemetery Plaza.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the motion tabled at the September 15, 2010 meeting regarding the Fraser Cemetery Plaza be lifted from the table.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the preferred option for the Fraser Cemetery Plaza as presented at the September 15, 2010 meeting be endorsed and the recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration.

CARRIED.

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

It was brought to staff's attention that the real issue is the state of the cemetery and what should be done.

In response, Nancy Jickels pointed out that under the Cemetery Act, there are limits and guidelines for what can be done as the head stones are private property.

3.2 A Call to Renew BC's Heritage Program – Leslie Gilbert & Eric Pattison

Ms. Gilbert presented, On-Table, a brochure informing the Commission of the dire need to renew BC's Heritage Program in the province. Drastic budget cuts have undermined Heritage BC's capacity to deliver on heritage conservation.

Eric Pattison noted the 13 historic sites owned by the province are failing (with the exception of Barkerville). Mr. Pattison asked the Commission to make a recommendation to Council to have a letter of support for the call to renew BC's Heritage Program be sent to the Minister.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT in recognition of the present dire situation of heritage funding in the province, a recommendation be forwarded to Council requesting a letter of support, for the Call to Renew British Columbia's Heritage Program as put forth by Heritage BC; and THAT the letter be sent to the provincial government, Minister Krueger, Premier Campbell and all MLAs.

CARRIED

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

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 HRA Policy – comments (tabled from September 15, 2010 meeting)

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, reported on the changes she has made to the draft HRA policy. It will be sent to Commission members for review and comment.

Questions from the Commission: *(Response in italics)*

- Will negative ratings be considered? *Yes, there will be things that can earn positive points and things that could earn minus points.*
- Are there enough resources to enforce the HRA conditions? *Staff will do their best.*

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff be supported in developing a Checklist for HRA Projects; and THAT the draft checklist be forwarded to Commission members for review and comment with the intent of having a discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CARRIED.

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

4.2 Queensborough Community Plan – Heritage Consultant Reports – comments (tabled from September 15, 2010 meeting)

Ms. Schueck asked for comments on the Queensborough Community Plan – Heritage Consultant Reports.

Comments from the Commission:

- Well written plan;
- Available in reference section of New Westminster library.

4.3 Community Heritage Commissions Networking Conference – Julie Schueck

The New Westminster Community Heritage Commission will host the CHC Networking Conference at the Fraser River Discovery Centre on Saturday, November 27, 2010.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 309 Pine Street – porch reconstruction (results of email circulation)

Built c. 1893; listed on Heritage Resource Inventory, not listed on Heritage Register, no formal protection.

Comments from Commission:

- Commend work on porch reconstruction.

- 5.2 315 Fourth Avenue – Heritage Alteration Permit (change in building colour)**
Built c. 1911; listed on Heritage Resource Inventory, Heritage Register and protected with a Heritage designation Bylaw.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage Alteration Permit for the new paint scheme for 315 Fourth Avenue be supported.

CARRIED.

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

- 5.3 217 Fourth Avenue – Heritage Alteration Permit (changes to rear elevation)**

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the changes made for a new situation for alteration to the rear elevation at 217 Fourth Avenue are not supported due to change number 1 and 2 as shown in the diagram in the October 13, 2010 staff report.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission is very concerned that changes have been made to 217 Fourth Avenue without consultation and approval by the City and this reflects a disturbing trend of lack of respect and disregard for the heritage process laid out by the City; and

THAT the Commission requests Council pursue options for prevention and enforcement.

CARRIED.

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

- 5.4 Demolition Permits – review by sub-committee Chair of the following:**

- 1016 Fourth Avenue – Built 1951, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.
- 1020 Fourth Avenue – Built 1937, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.
- 1022 Fourth Avenue – Built 1938, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.
- 826 Royal Avenue – Built 1912, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.
- 806 Fourth Street – Built 1941, not listed on Heritage Resource Inventory or Heritage Register, not protected.

There were no comments on bullets 1-4 as the demolitions have been done.

The Commission does not oppose demolition of 806 Fourth Street.

5.5 Funding Request for Commissioner(s) to attend 'Heritage 101: Understanding Heritage Conservation' course

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT funding for be made available for 3 Commission members to attend 'Heritage 101: Understanding Heritage Conservation' course.

CARRIED.

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

5.6 230 Third Avenue

The Commission requested an update on what was agreed to in the HRA and what work was actually done.

5.7 318 First Street

The Commission requested a staff member to look into painting over house names on the sidewalk and report back to the Commission.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, Special Issue #39 – September 2010

6.2 New Westminster Historical Society Newsletter, No. 364 – September 2010

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Email of September 30, 2010 from Mary Broten, regarding Queensborough Heritage Subcommittee

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Councillor Betty McIntosh
Vice Chair



Donna Martin
Committee Clerk