



MINUTES

**NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION (NCHC)
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2013-NOV-06 AT 5:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE & RESOURCE CENTRE (411 DUNSMUIR STREET)**

Members Present:	Diane Brennan, Chair Bill Gard Kerrie Low John Manning	Jill Stannard Christine Meutzner Loyd Sherry John Hofman
Members Absent:	Charlene Riches	
Guests Present:	Tim McGrath	Terry Smith
Staff Present:	Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner	Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary Peggy Humphries, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair D. Brennan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda & Late Items

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following late item:

- a) Archaeology Newsletter (ASBC Digger)
For information.

3. Adoption of Minutes (2013-OCT-02)

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from 2013-OCT-02 be adopted as presented. The motion was carried.

4. Budget Review

5. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters

- a) Heritage Canada Name Change Notice
For information. Heritage Canada recently changed their name to Heritage Canada – The National Trust, to better convey their role as Canada's National Trust, which owns and operates heritage sites, promotes better laws and funding for heritage sites, and offers programs that engage the public in conservation.

The above correspondence was received as presented.

6. New Business

- a) Nanaimo Scout Hut (445 Comox Road) – Alterations
For information. The building has been undergoing a rehabilitation process to upgrade the roof (a couple weeks ago) and the front porch (to begin when money is raised by the Scouts). A partial demolition permit has been approved to allow City carpenters to remove the old porch from the building due to safety concerns. Reconstruction of the porch will be a cost sharing venture between the City and Scouts. In the mean time, a temporary landing and stairway has been added to the building.

- b) Italian Fountain (626 Terminal Avenue) – Rehab Plan and Fundraising Initiative
For information. The Parks Department has hired Read Jones Kristofferson to develop a rehab plan for the fountain. Major changes will include the addition of a “false floor” to reduce the water depth. The cost to rehabilitate has been estimated at approx. \$250,000 but it is hoped that money can be raised via community and corporate fundraising efforts. The Cavalotti Lodge has already started a fundraising campaign.

The Commission is pleased with the plans to rehabilitate the fountain but wonder if the sandstone salmon carvings will be reshaped in the process? Staff will forward the Commission’s concern to the project team, and will provide an update as more information becomes available.

- c) Harewood Neighbourhood Plan – Potential Heritage Building / Site List
For information. The Harewood Neighbourhood Plan, recently adopted by Council, contains a list of potential heritage sites and buildings within Harewood designed to provide the City with an overall idea of heritage potential in the area. The list was created by staff based on a window survey. C. Sholberg will forward photos of the listed properties to C. Meutzner for an initial review. This list identifies potential buildings only, and all buildings would still require evaluation through the regular nomination process in order to be considered.

7. Ongoing Business

- a) Harmac Arboretum Tour (2013-OCT-16) – Debrief – Cultural Landscape Candidate?
Committee members met Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) staff and volunteers last month to tour the Harmac Arboretum. The volunteers were able to provide interesting information about the site. The Commission discussed the idea of adding the arboretum to the heritage register as a potential cultural landscape. The property is owned by the RDN and they plan to convert it into a park in the future.

It was moved and seconded that the Harmac Arboretum at 1200 Maughan Road be evaluated as a cultural landscape, and that a heritage value statement be prepared for review. The motion was carried.

- b) Heritage BC Annual Conference (2013-OCT-18 & 19) – Debrief
C. Sholberg attended the conference which included a presentation by the new executive manager of Heritage BC. As well, the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF), Tectonica Management, and the Young Professionals of Nanaimo (YPN) were in attendance to receive the award for rehabilitation of the E&N Train Station (321 Selby Street).
- c) 100th Anniversary of War Measures Act / Internment Camp – Plaque Project Update
As noted at the last meeting, staff is working with UCLAA to install the new plaque in combination with the old, and looking to place the plaques in a more visible location. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.
- d) Pacific Biological Station – Historic Event Plaque Presentation Ceremony – Status
For information. It has been a couple of years since staff has heard an update on the status of this nomination, so an inquiry has been made. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- e) Manson Store / House (236 / 240 Haliburton Street) – Demo Order – Status
For information. As discussed at previous meetings, the City’s Bylaw Department is proceeding with a demolition order for this building. The owner has been given 30 days by Council to demolish the existing buildings (old store and house) and clean up the site. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

- f) Coal Miner's Strike 100th Anniversary – 2014 – Commemoration Event Status
D. Brennan and C. Meutzner met to discuss possibilities for a commemoration event. It was decided that a presentation would be made to Council on National Safety Day for Injured Workers (April 2014) as a reminder of the dangers of mining, labour issues, etc. A specific date has not been set. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

8. Committee Reports

- a) Nanaimo Community Archives Society
C. Meutzner reported business as usual, noting completion of an interpretive plaque for Dickinson Barn; near completion of the Old City neighbourhood photo inventory; and an upcoming presentation to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), who do not currently have a heritage register.
- b) Nanaimo District and Museum
J. Manning reported business as usual, noting that an exhibit on antique toys will be on display over the Christmas holiday.
- c) Design Advisory Panel
C. Riches was not in attendance.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2013-DEC-04 at 5:00 pm at **Acme Food Co (14 Commercial Street)**.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

APPROVED

Chair

Date