



MINUTES

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

Members Present:	Diane Brennan, Chair Bill Gard Kerrie Low Christine Meutzner	Jill Stannard John Hofman Charlene Riches John Manning
Members Absent:	Geraldine Manson	Loyd Sherry
Staff Present:	Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner	Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair D. Brennan called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda & Late Items

The agenda was approved as presented with the addition of the following late items:

a) Nomination for Heritage Register (85 Robarts Street):

Staff introduced the nomination and noted that the building received a point evaluation of 35/100 using the 2012 modified evaluation form, historic information provided by the owner, and information on similar homes in the area. The Commission discussed the merits of the application and made the following recommendation:

It was moved and seconded that 85 Robarts Street not be recommended to Council for addition to the Heritage Register. The motion was carried.

b) Friends of Morden Mine Requests Letter of Support from Commission:

J. Hofman explained that the Friends of Morden Mine Society have been appealing the provincial government for assistance in 1) rehabilitating the industrial structures located in the provincial park and 2) to add an interpretive centre (dedicated to Vancouver Island's coal mining industry) to the site. The society is seeking letters of support from various groups, and has asked the Commission if they would provide a letter of support as well (sample letter was provided by the society). The Mayor's office has provided a similar letter of support on behalf of the City of Nanaimo.

It was moved and seconded that a letter of support for Morden Colliery Provincial Historic Park be sent to Mr. Terry Lake, Minister of Environment, from the Commission. The motion was carried.

c) City Signage Containing Historic Information:

C. Meutzner noted an issue that recently arose from a series of signs installed along the Bowen Park channel. The signs contain incorrect historic information and were produced/installed by the Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) Department. The Commission was not asked to review the information. Since installation, a resident has approached the Archives to inform them that the information is incorrect. The information will now have to be re-written and the signs re-manufactured and installed. This goes back to a longstanding issue of the Commission not being consulted by PRC when they produce heritage-related information. She would like to see a policy or procedure in place which ensures that the Commission is consulted on heritage-related information before it is produced.

It was suggested that a three-way agreement be formed between the Commission, PRC staff, and the Nanaimo Archives, to develop a sign review policy or procedure for heritage-

related information. In the mean time, C. Sholberg will work with PRC staff to resolve the immediate issue related to the sign.

It was moved and seconded that Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission work with Parks, Recreation & Culture staff and the Nanaimo Archives to develop a sign review policy or procedure. The motion was carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes (2013-FEB-06)

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from 2013-FEB-06 be adopted as presented. The motion was carried.

4. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters

- a) Heritage BC Quarterly:
For information.
- b) Real Estate Institute of BC Magazine – Heritage Issues:
For information.
- c) Nanaimo Historical Society Newsletter:
For information.

The above correspondence was received as presented.

5. New Business

None.

6. Ongoing Business

- a) Heritage Summit (2013-FEB-20) - Debrief:
For information. Staff noted that the event was a success with a turnout of over 50 attendees. C. Meutzner gave a great presentation on Nanaimo's historic homes and neighbourhoods, and the roundtable discussion was interesting as usual. Once again, the Museum was very helpful. Staff asked the Commission if they would like to make a donation to the Museum for the use of their facilities (as done in previous years).

J. Manning abstained from voting.

It was moved and seconded \$400 be allocated to the Nanaimo Museum for the use of their facilities for the 2013 Heritage Summit. The motion was carried.

- b) Connaught Barracks Stable (aka Judo Club Building) – Reconsideration for addition to Heritage Register:
J. Stannard asked that this building be reconsidered for addition to the heritage register, based on its recently honored/announced importance to the origin of Vancouver Island University.

It was moved and seconded that the Connaught Barracks Stable / Judo Club Building (850 Wentworth Street) be reconsidered for addition to the heritage register. The motion was carried.

Staff introduced the nomination, noting that the building received a point evaluation of 60/100 for an institutional building. The building would have received a higher score had it not been so significantly altered. The bottom line is that it's up the Commission's discretion whether or

not to recommend the building for addition to the register. The Commission discussed the merits of the application and made the following recommendation:

It was moved and seconded that the Connaught Barracks Stable / Judo Club Building (850 Wentworth Street) be recommended to Council for addition to the heritage register. The motion was carried.

- c) Heritage Awards – Update:
For information. Staff is currently seeking public nominations on the 2013 Committee Awards, including the John Thomson Heritage Memorial Award. The deadline for nominations is 2013-MAR-29. Nominations received will be reviewed at the next regular meeting, along with options selected by staff for the Heritage Building Rehab Awards.
- d) Heritage Register Nominations – Status:
For information. Staff will be providing a report to Council in the near future that introduces Commission’s recommendations for addition to the heritage register.
- e) Nash Block (19 Commercial Street) – Project Update:
For information. Staff has talked to the owner of the building who has confirmed that the “Nash Building” lettering on the front façade will be completed in the spring, as weather permits.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Snuneymuxw First Nation:
G. Manson was not in attendance.
- b) Nanaimo Community Archives Society:
C. Meutzner had nothing new to report.
- c) Nanaimo District and Museum:
J. Manning noted that the Nanaimo Museum’s AGM will be held on 2013-MAR-19 at 7:00 pm.
- d) Design Advisory Panel:
C. Riches had no report.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2013-APR-03 at 5:00 pm in the Board Room of the Service and Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street).

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

APPROVED

Chair

Date