



MINUTES

**NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION (NCHC)
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2012-MAY-02 AT 5:00 PM
AT CONFERENCE ROOM #1, CITY ANNEX (238 FRANKLYN STREET)**

Members Present:	William E. Gard Christine Meutzner Diane Brennan, Chair	Jill Stannard John Hofman Charlene Riches Kerrie Low
Members Absent:	Geraldine Manson	John Manning 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 5:02 pm, welcoming newly-appointed At-Large member K. Low.

2. Approval of Agenda & Late Items

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

- a) Local Neighbourhood Associations (C. Meutzner):
It was suggested that the Commission invite local neighbourhood associations to bring to the Commission's attention any heritage-related issues that may arise in their area.
- b) Plaques at Departure Bay Beach (C. Meutzner):
According to a recent newspaper article, the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association is advocating to have another interpretive sign and a large ship's wheel installed along the waterfront to signify the bay's history.

3. Adoption of Minutes (2012-APR-04)

MOVED and SECONDED, that the Minutes from 2012-APR-04 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Budget Review: \$1,714.81

5. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters

None.

6. New Business

- a) 2012 Heritage Paint/Shoot-Out - status:
C. Sholberg noted that Executive Director of the Arts Council was unable to attend the meeting, but had emailed C. Sholberg expressing that the Arts Council is still interested in hosting the Heritage Paint/Shoot Out in partnership with the Commission and would also be open to a broader partnership if the opportunity should arise. C. Sholberg told the Commission to stay tuned with more details. K. Low suggested holding the event in conjunction with the Harvest Fest which takes place in September.

It was noted that the Commission should try to achieve more public exposure and recognition with this event, considering it is their largest public event. It was also noted that, similar to

last year, any Commission funds donated toward the event should be used directly toward prizes and not toward administrative costs.

b) Mining Heritage Recognition Strategy:

C. Sholberg asked the Commission if they had any thoughts on what a mining heritage recognition strategy for Nanaimo could look like and asked if he should proceed with drafting such a strategy. The Commission agreed and asked C. Sholberg to prepare a summary of Nanaimo's mining recognition to date, and provide the information to members at the next meeting.

c) Heritage Register – Possible removals due to poor building condition:

The Commission has discussed at previous meetings the idea of possibly recommending to Council the removal of heritage homes from the register that are in extremely poor condition. C. Sholberg noted the following properties have been identified by Commission members in the past for possibility of removal:

- Morrison Residence (763 Albert Street)
- Manson's Store (236-240 Haliburton Street)
- Harrison House (215 Newcastle Avenue)

MOVED and SECONDED that staff contact the owners of the above listed properties about the possibility of the Commission recommending to Council that their properties be removed from the Heritage Register due to poor building condition and lack of maintenance.

CARRIED.

C. Sholberg will initiate such discussions with the owners and will report back to the Commission prior to taking any further action.

7. Ongoing Business

a) 2012 Community Heritage Commission Conference (2012-DEC-01):

At the 2011 Community Heritage Commission Conference, it was decided that Nanaimo would host the conference in 2012. C. Sholberg has been in discussion with BC Heritage and the Provincial Heritage Branch, which are both interested in participating in the conference, and has scheduled a tentative date of 2012-DEC-01 at the Nanaimo Museum. A draft agenda was provided to the Commission for review. More details will be provided closer to the date.

b) Cultural Planning for Creative Communities - debrief:

Several Commission and City staff members attended this conference, presented by Gord Hume. The presentation was valuable and highlighted heritage as part of cultural value.

A Commission member asked if "cultural planning" referred to in the Official Community Plan (OCP)? C. Sholberg explained that "cultural planning" does not have its own section in the OCP, but that there is a cultural strategy that falls under the realm of Parks, Recreation & Culture. It was requested that staff check and report back on which references to culture are contained in the OCP. C. Sholberg will gather the information and present it back to the Commission at the next meeting for review.

c) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee (PNAC) Representation – status:

At the last meeting it was noted that the Commission rep position would be removed from PNAC due to a restructuring process. The Commission had expressed their desire to continue representation on PNAC and asked C. Sholberg to express those desires to staff responsible for the restructuring. C. Sholberg noted that the Commission's concern was raised but that due to the need for a smaller committee and the fact that heritage related items are rarely a topic of discussion, the position was removed. C. Sholberg noted that PNAC agenda items that impact heritage will still be referred to the Commission when necessary.

- d) Departure Bay burial site – maintenance:
C. Sholberg noted that this item had been of concern to G. Manson at the last meeting. A recent news article regarding maintenance of the site listed that the provincial government owns the site in trust for the SFN, but that communications between the Province and SFN regarding maintenance had stalled a few years ago. The City of Nanaimo has nothing to do with the site, although they did install a fence to deter trespassing. The Parks Department has agreed to remove the fence as it is falling down and not functioning as a deterrent.

8. Committee Reports

- a) Snuneymuxw First Nation:
G. Manson was not in attendance.
- b) Nanaimo Community Archives Society:
The Archives AGM will be held 2012-MAY-23 at the Harbourfront Library. As well, the federal government has made huge funding cuts to their library and archives departments, laying off 305 staff and removing a \$1.75 million per year grant allocation fund for archives. The biggest outcome of this is limited and reduced access to public records of national significance. Archives are a valuable source of information for the public, journalists, students, developers, engineers, etc. C. Meutzner has written numerous letters to federal and local politicians, asking for support.

It was suggested that she send copies of all the letters to Council, as well as request that Council provide letter of support to the cause.

MOVED and SECONDED that the Commission recommend to Council that they write a letter of support to the Ministry of Heritage regarding concern of loss of / reduced access to Nanaimo's public records.

CARRIED.

- c) Nanaimo District and Museum:
J. Manning was not in attendance.
- d) Design Advisory Panel
J. Stannard had no report.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2012-JUN-06 at 5:00 pm in the **Brick Cottage (1904 Jingle Pot Road)**.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

APPROVED

Chair

Date