



MINUTES
NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION (NCHC)
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2012-FEB-01 AT 5:00 PM
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM (455 WALLACE STREET)

Members Present: William E. Gard, Chair
John Hofman
Joan Perry
Christine Meutzner
Diane Brennan
Karen Hovestad
John Manning
Jill Stannard
Charlene Riches

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Monica Briggs & Jerry Ellin & Bob Wall (418 Fitzwilliam Street)
Tim Lawry & Andrea Saam-Lawry (750 Franklyn Street)
Jim Taylor, Citizen

Staff Present: Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner
Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair W.E. Gard called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda & Late Items

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

a) New Committee Terms:

Legislative Services has begun advertising for Commission at-large positions, terms beginning 2012-APR-01. Deadline for application submission is 2012-MAR-01. Application forms were sent to current members via email and provided at the meeting.

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

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

CARRIED.

4. Budget Review: \$2,500

5. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters

6. New Business

a) Application for Heritage Home Grant – McCourt Residence (750 Franklyn Street):

The owners of the McCourt Residence attended the meeting to speak to their application. To date, they have spent \$17,652.86 to restore the exterior of the home, but will need to spend an additional \$10,300 to complete the restoration (replace five more windows, replace/repair rotten cedar siding, attend structural issues, remove old paint, repaint in historic colors).

The Commission thanked the owners for presenting the application as they excused themselves from the meeting.

b) Annual Work Plan – draft review (finalize and approve):

The Commission reviewed the draft work plan and suggested the following changes:

- Add “Pawson Park” to Heritage Plaques completed in 2011
- Add “Review for potential removals” to Update Heritage Register in 2012

- Add an item for “Miner’s Memorial”, noting specifically the Morden Mine (“develop a strategy to recognize mining heritage and to focus on significant heritage resources, such as the Morden Mine”)
- Review existing heritage policy (plaque policy, documentation policy).

MOVED and SECONDED, that the 2012 work plan be approved as amended above.

CARRIED.

7. Ongoing Business

a) Application for Heritage Façade Grant, Zorkin Building (418 Fitzwilliam Street):

The owners/architect/contractor of the building attended the meeting to speak to their application. The Commission’s primary concern at the last meeting was whether the metal siding would be retained or removed. The Commission could not grant an award until a plan of ‘work to be done’ had been presented.

The contractor explained that due to cost effectiveness, the metal siding will remain. However, they will be adding as much detail/finishing as possible, as well as many of staff’s recommendations suggested after the 2012-JAN-04 NCHC meeting.

The Commission thanked them for presenting the application as they excused themselves from the meeting. Staff will contact them once a decision has been made.

Staff asked Mr. Taylor if he could please excuse himself from the meeting while the applications were considered.

- Application consideration for McCourt Residence (750 Franklyn Street):

MOVED and SECONDED, that a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant be awarded to the McCourt Residence (750 Franklyn Street).

CARRIED.

- Application consideration for Zorkin Building (418 Fitzwilliam Street):

MOVED and SECONDED, that it be recommended to Council to approve a \$5,000 Heritage Façade Grant for the Zorkin Building (418 Fitzwilliam Street).

CARRIED.

b) 2012 Heritage Summit, 7:00-9:00pm, Nanaimo Museum (2012-FEB-22):

For information.

c) Beban House – Status:

Staff reported that there have been some parties interested in renting the building. An update will be provided when more information is available.

d) Heritage Façade Grant/Home Grant Status Sheets:

Grant status sheets were provided to members as information for grants awarded to-date.

e) Miner’s Memorial:

As suggested above (Item 6B), this item has been added to the 2012 work plan and can be discussed at a future meeting.

f) Historic Site Nomination:

The Newcastle Island Pavilion Society has shown interest in putting forward an application to the Federal Government’s Historic Sites and Monuments Board to nominate Newcastle Island as a historic site. An update will be provided when more information is available.

g) Heritage Network Conference (2012):

As discussed at previous meetings, Nanaimo will host the day-long 2012 Heritage Networking Conference in late November or early December.. Heritage BC and the Heritage Branch have both agreed to assist with the conference.

Content suggestions for the conference included:

- *Presentations by Heritage BC and the Heritage Branch*
- *Presentation by NCHC*
- *Keynote speaker*
- *Half-day devoted to round table discussion/presentations*
- *Nanaimo Bar Tour (historic pub crawl) the night previous*
- *Excursion to Morden Mine*
- *Presentation on Bastion rehabilitation*

Discussion topics included:

- *How to create an open relationship with local first nations*
- *What is happening in Nanaimo*
- *Evolution of historical societies (the changing landscape)*
- *Positive action in a negative economy*

8. Committee Reports

- Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee: No report.
- Snuneymuxw First Nation: n/a
- Nanaimo Community Archives Society: No report.
- Nanaimo District and Museum: No report.
- Design Advisory Panel: No report.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2012-MAR-07 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Board Room.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date

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