



MINUTES
NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2011-JUN-08 AT 5:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM (238 FRANKLYN STREET)

Present:	William E. Gard, Chair John Manning Joan Perry Jill Stannard	John Hofman Christine Meutzner Charlene Riches
Staff:	Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner	Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary
Regrets:	Karen Hovestad Loyd Sherry	Geraldine Manson
Guests:	Karen Campbell Dennis Hykawy Sharon Stubbs	

1. Call to Order

Chair W.E. Gard 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 items:

a) Entrance Island Lighthouse:

C. Sholberg advised that he is looking at submitting an application to have the lighthouse considered for heritage status under the Federal government's new *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act*. C. Meutzner advised that she would contact the Gabriola Museum to determine their interest in supporting the application.

b) DNBIA Celebration:

J. Hofman advised of a celebration being planned for Commercial Street by the DNBIA on 2011-Jun-19. [Greatest Street in Canada Street Party] C. Sholberg will look into whether it would be appropriate for the Heritage Commission to provide a display. If it is, C. Meutzner will help C. Sholberg find unique photos to enlarge and place in the store windows on Commercial Street.

c) Painting on China Steps:

C. Sholberg advised that the artist is awaiting approval from the property owner prior to starting the work.

d) Miners Picnic:

J. Stannard advised that the picnic will be held on Saturday, 2011-JUN-25.

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by J. Hofman, SECONDED by J. Stannard that the Minutes from 2011-MAY-04 be adopted as presented. CARRIED

4. Budget Review: \$450.00

5. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters

C. Sholberg distributed copies of Heritage BC Quarterly and Nanaimo Magazine.

6. New Business

- a) Application for Heritage Home Grant – Isherwood Residence (421 Victoria Road):
C. Sholberg introduced the application and advised the house had a passing rating and would qualify for grant funds to a maximum of \$2,500. Repairs to the front deck/stairway and rear stairway would be a good project to support.

Homeowners Sharon Stubbs and Dennis Hykawy commented on the proposed repairs, noting that the house will be 100 years old in 2012, and the front deck is still original.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by C. Riches that a heritage home grant in the amount of \$2,272.41 be awarded for the Isherwood Residence at 421 Victoria Road. CARRIED.

- b) Application for Heritage Home Grant – Victoria Road Residence (413 Victoria Road):
C. Sholberg introduced the application and advised the house rates highly and would qualify for a maximum of \$2,500. Replacing the roof would extend the life of the building and would therefore also be a good project to support.

Homeowner Karen Campbell advised she has already had the roof replaced due to the availability of the contractor. C. Sholberg advised that approval before work commences is preferred, as stated in the application package; however, the Commission has approved other grants where the project is completed or already underway.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by J. Hofman that a heritage home grant in the amount of \$2,500 be awarded for the residence at 413 Victoria Road. CARRIED.

- c) Great Places in Canada Contest – Commercial Street:
C. Sholberg provided background information on the “Greatest Street in Canada Award” recently won for Commercial Street. The award program was initiated by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and consisted of three categories: streets, neighbourhoods and spaces. Chris submitted the nomination form for Commercial Street based on its 10-year revitalization process. The street had issues of crime, homelessness, empty storefronts, etc. Revitalization turned under-utilized space into something vital and factored in heritage, recreational space and public space to create a vibrant street.
- d) Tommy Douglas Plaque at Seacrest Apartment Tower (1 Chapel Street):
C. Sholberg read out an email from a citizen of Nanaimo who wished to remain anonymous requesting that a commemorative plaque in honour of Tommy Douglas be placed on the Seacrest Apartment Tower building.

C. Meutzner questioned whether the purpose of the requested plaque is to honour a nationally important political figure, or the fact that he at one time resided at Seacrest Apartments, as it should be for his contribution to political system, and not for the building itself. A more appropriate location would be the Federal Building.

Chris will advise the citizen who made the submission that the Commission does not consider the request to be in their purview, and believes that it would be a matter between the applicant and manager of Seacrest Apartments.

- e) Castaway Motel Sign – Heritage Value Statement (New information):
C. Sholberg read out an email from a local VIU student providing information on the history of the Castaway Motel sign. It stated that the sign was in fact manufactured in Nanaimo and not relocated from Fort Lauderdale as currently stated.

C. Meutzner noted that sign building permits could be checked. It does not matter if production of the sign was local; the key thing is it is the only freestanding neon sign on the national heritage register in Canada. She could write synopses of both stories.

C. Sholberg will continue researching the sign's history to determine whether an amendment to the sign's heritage value statement is warranted.

7. Ongoing Business

- a) Heritage Awards / Committee Awards Luncheon (2011-May-18) Debrief:
C. Sholberg reported that the recent Awards luncheon went well. He is updating the John Thomson Heritage Memorial Award Plaque with John Cass' name, and will ensure Mr. Cass sees this with W.E. Gard's help.
- b) 2011 Heritage Paint Out/Shoot Out Update:
C. Sholberg stated the event will be held on 2011-SEP-10 and that a cruise ship will be in Nanaimo on that day. The event will follow the same format used in the past, and the \$500 committed by the Commission will go 100% to prizes for participants.
- c) Heritage Façade Grant – Nash Hardware (19 Commercial Street) Update:
C. Sholberg advised that Council approved a heritage façade grant for 19 Commercial Street, and that all grant funds have now been allocated for 2011.

8. Committee Reports

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee: J. Hofman reported that the Newcastle + Brechin Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by Council. There was sparse mention of anything heritage-related in it, which was disappointing.
- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation: G. Manson was absent, so there was no report.
- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society: C. Meutzner advised that she has re-hired the summer student from last year, and laid off the part-time employee until bingo funds are received. Offices in her building have closed, and she is concerned about a possible rent increase.
- d) Nanaimo District and Museum: J. Manning reported the Bastion re-opened to the public a few weeks ago. There was a good turnout, and the building looks fantastic. C. Sholberg noted the heritage award recently presented to the parties responsible for the Bastion's refurbishment, and J. Manning also advised that the Museum recently won a BC Museum Conference award.
- e) Design Advisory Panel: J. Perry advised that there have been no infill project applications lately for the downtown so nothing of a heritage nature, but there have been many commercial proposals for Bowen Road.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2011-SEP-07 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Board Room.

No meetings are scheduled for July or August.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

APPROVED:

Chair

Date