



MINUTES
NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2011-MAY-04 AT 5:00 PM
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM (455 WALLACE STREET)

Present: William E. Gard, Chair
Christine Meutzner
Loyd Sherry
John Hofman
Jill Stannard

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

Regrets: Karen Hovestad
John Manning
Joan Perry
Charlene Riches

Guests: Doug Corsie (on behalf of owner of 19 Commercial Street)

1. Call to Order

Chair W.E. Gard called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda & Late Items

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

a) Italian Fountain – Status:

C. Sholberg reported that the Italian community is currently waiting for the Parks Department to establish a list of possibilities for the fountain and site. The main issue with the fountain is the plumbing. No decisions have been made yet. The mall developer is not interested in investing in the site; however, the casino developer has committed their architect to helping with the site redesign.

b) No. 1 Mine Memorial Event (2011-MAY-07):

The event is scheduled to be held on the corner of Esplanade and Milton Street from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on 2011-MAY-07 to unveil a newly refurbished memorial and remember those who lost their lives in the 1887 explosion. C. Sholberg will be attending.

3. Adoption of Minutes (2011-APR-06)

MOVED by J. Stannard, SECONDED by L. Sherry, that the Minutes from 2011-APR-06 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Budget Review: \$950.00

5. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters

- a) Member Appointment Letter from SFN
- b) Morden Mine Newsletter
- c) Nanaimo Arts Council Umbrella Newsletter

6. New Business

a) Application for Heritage Façade Grant – Nash Hardware (19 Commercial Street):

D. Corsie attended the meeting to answer the Commission's questions regarding the heritage façade grant application for Nash Hardware (19 Commercial Street). C. Sholberg noted that a heritage façade grant was awarded to this building last year (\$7,000) to paint, re-stucco and tile the exterior of the building.

A new application for a \$10,000 façade grant is being submitted for Nash Hardware, and will go towards the second phase of the project which includes signage and a metal awning (black powder-coated aluminum), with a projected total cost of over \$20,790.56.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by J. Stannard, that the Heritage Commission supports the \$10,000 Heritage Façade Grant application for Phase 2 of the Nash Hardware building (19 Commercial Street) rehabilitation project and recommends that Council approve the grant.

CARRIED.

D. Corsie left the meeting.

- b) Heritage Paint Out/Shoot Out (2011-SEP-10) proposed by Nanaimo Arts Council:
Due to cancellation of the this year's Coaltown Festival, the Nanaimo Arts Council has proposed a date of 2011-SEP-10 for the 2011 Heritage Paint Out/Shoot Out.

C. Sholberg just recently received an invoice from the Nanaimo Arts Council for last year's event, which has yet to be paid.

MOVED by J. Stannard, SECONDED by C. Meutzner, that \$500.00 be allocated to the Nanaimo Arts Council to be used towards the cost of last year's Heritage Paint Out/Shoot Out.

CARRIED.

It was noted that the money donated by the Commission is used to cover the cost of, not only prizes, but administration, etc. The Commission feels that the funds should be used toward the cost of the prizes, not administration. C. Sholberg will request a budgetary breakdown of costs from the Nanaimo Arts Council and present it back to the Commission for review at the next meeting.

Commission suggestions for 2011 were to hold the event and set up paintings in the Museum's lobby, select independent judges to be responsible for selecting winners, and to ask that Commission members participating in the event be exempt from receiving prizes.

- c) Heritage Façade Grant Program - Update:
C. Sholberg provided an update on projects currently in progress under the Heritage Façade Grant Program.

- Nash Hardware (19 Commercial Street): Phase one completed (exterior paint and re-stucco, tiling front entrance) and application for Phase two submitted (as discussed above).

- E&N Station (321 Selby Street): The building is currently an empty shell with most exterior improvements completed. Phase two has begun and it is expected that the restaurant will be completed by Christmas 2011.

- Palace Hotel (275 Skinner Street): No report at this time. A \$10,000 Heritage Façade Grant has been committed but the project has not yet begun.

- d) Heritage Home Grant Program - Update:
C. Sholberg provided an update on projects currently in progress for the Heritage Home Grant Program:

- Harrison Residence (546 Prideaux Street): This project has been completed. Awaiting completion of heritage conservation covenant.

No Heritage Home Grant applications have been submitted to-date for this year.

7. Ongoing Business

- a) Heritage Awards / Awards Luncheon (2011-MAY-18) – Status:
The luncheon will be held Wednesday, 2011-MAY-18 from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm at Oliver Woods Community Centre (6000 Oliver Road) and will include a catered lunch. Commission members are welcome to attend. More details will be sent to members via e-mail.
- b) National Historic Sites Nominations (Pacific Biological Station) – Update:
C. Sholberg has been advised that the National Historic Sites nomination for the Pacific Biological Station is currently still being processed.
- c) Modern Civic Architecture on Heritage Register:
W.E. Gard asked if the Commission would like to start considering more modern architecture (1950s and up) for the heritage register. C. Sholberg noted that a few years ago, an analysis was done of buildings in the downtown core (1960s to 1980s), but that the Commission had decided not to proceed with evaluation of these sites.

C. Meutzner feels that it is not about specific decades, but about showcasing the “best of the best” in the community.

C. Sholberg noted that this is a potential project for the Commission to again consider at a future time.

8. Committee Reports

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee: No report.
- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation: G. Manson not in attendance
- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society: C. Meutzner noted that the Archives' Annual General Meeting was held last night and was successful.
- d) Nanaimo District and Museum: J. Manning not in attendance
- e) Design Advisory Panel: J. Perry not in attendance

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2011-JUN-01 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Board Room.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

APPROVED:

Chair

Date