



**MINUTES**  
**NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-SEP-02 AT 5:00 PM**  
**BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET**

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<b>Present:</b>	Charlene Riches, Vice-Chair John Hofman Joan Perry	Loyd Sherry Jill Stannard Sandra Penn
<b>Staff:</b>	Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner	Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary
<b>Regrets:</b>	William E. Gard, Chair John Manning	Christine Meutzner Karen Hovestad

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**1. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair C. Riches called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. in the City Hall Board Room.

**2. Approval of Agenda & Late Items**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Adoption of Minutes (2009-Jun-17)**

MOVED by J. Hofman, SECONDED by J. Perry, that the Minutes of the 2009-Jun-17 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

**4. Budget Review (\$300)**

**5. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters**

- a) Heritage BC Newsletter
- b) Nanaimo Arts Council Newsletter

**6. New Business**

a) Heritage Register nomination of Old Millstone Power Plant (210 Caledonia Ave):

C. Sholberg explained that the history of this site is fully described in the report (see attached). The report explains that this is the site of the first hydro-powered electric generating plant in Nanaimo. One-hundred year old remnants of the foundation and old flu/piping system remain. Mr. Lawrence Rieper has nominated this site for the Heritage Register. He would like the ruins of the enterprise to be designated as a heritage site and the land be acquired as a public park.

J. Perry explained that the developers are proposing a residential mixed-density development and have already received a 15 meter setback approval from the Ministry of Environment.

J. Perry expressed that she would have appreciated some information regarding this potential heritage site before attending a recent Design Advisory Panel (DAP) meeting, as she found out at the meeting that a development permit had already been issued for the site. If she had been aware of this issue before attending, she could have mentioned to the Panel that the site was being considered for inclusion on the Heritage Register.

C. Sholberg explained that due to the time in which he received this information, it was too late to inform members. He has recently spoken with Gary Noble, Development Approval Planner, to update him on what is going on.

C. Sholberg will proceed with an evaluation statement and/or talk to C. Meutzner about developing a Statement of Significance for the site. It will be reviewed by the Commission at the October meeting.

b) Statements of Significance Documentation Project:

C. Sholberg explained that thanks to funding from the Province, C. Meutzner has been hired to do 20 Statements of Significance on registered heritage buildings throughout Nanaimo. The project must be completed and presented to the Province by 2009-Sep-30.

## 7. Old Business

a) Heritage Paint-Out (2009-Sep-19):

C. Sholberg reminded the Commission of the upcoming Heritage Paint-Out. The location for meeting and judging will be in the Arts Council's community office (Jean Burns building).

C. Sholberg has extended an invitation to Mayor and Council and mentioned that the DNPS will be distributing an e-mail to their contact list. J. Perry suggested that the Paint-Out be advertised on CityPage. J. Hofman suggested coordinating next year's Paint-Out with the Museum's mining tour.

b) Nob Hill Heritage Walk brochure:

The Commission reviewed the completed Nob Hill Heritage Walk brochure (see attached), and was pleased with the quality of the brochure. The City's Economic Development Department gave their approval on the brochures as well. J. Perry suggested getting the approval in writing to use as leverage in getting some budget set aside for future brochures.

J. Perry's only concern about this brochure was the process. The neighbourhood had strong opinions on the way the brochure was created. J. Perry would have liked the Albert Street's commercial area to be referenced, but the neighbourhood wanted to remove Albert Street from the boundary. She suggested that a protocol be developed for future brochures. Although the Commission should take into consideration the neighbourhood's advice when creating these types of brochures, the final decision belongs to the Commission.

C. Sholberg informed the Commission that he will be giving copies of the Nob Hill Heritage Walk brochure to the Neighbours of Nob Hill on September 10<sup>th</sup>, at their regular monthly residents meeting.

C. Sholberg suggested the possibility of creating an Old City Heritage Walk brochure in the near future. C. Sholberg also suggested that, if budget allows, he has been hoping to have the Chinatown Plaque redesigned and located at the Pine/Hecate Street intersection (near the original Chinatown location). J. Perry suggested that the Commission create a brochure that focuses on mining.

c) Nomination for Heritage Register: Barn at 752 Howard Ave:

C. Sholberg asked the Commission their feelings about the heritage status of the barn at 752 Howard Avenue. C. Sholberg noted that C. Meutzner feels the building is worth researching more. C. Sholberg will obtain information on the building and present it to the Commission at the October meeting for review.

d) Tour of Retired Teachers Association museum at NDSS (requesting \$250):

The Commission feels that due to the state of their current budget, funding may not be possible during this fiscal year. C. Riches wondered why a financial statement was not submitted with their funding request. C. Sholberg said that he can request one. The Commission agreed that they are still interested in viewing the collection. L. Sherry suggested that if the Association applying for any provincial or federal grants, that we supply them with a letter of support. C. Sholberg informed the Commission that he would try to set up a tour within the next two weeks.

- e) Bastion Structural Repair Project – status:  
As discussed at the last meeting, an assessment report was done many months ago by Read, Jones, Christofferson, in regards to water seepage issues on the Bastion. The report indicates that the repairs need to be done in a timely fashion. L. Sherry reported that Council has not yet seen any information regarding this issue.
- f) Relocation of Foundry beams to Morden Mine site – report and status:  
C. Sholberg reported that Council has given endorsement to proceed with this action. Brian Denbigh from the Public Works Department will be in contact with J. Hofman to arrange the details of the transaction.

**8. Committee Reports**

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee:  
No report.
- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation:  
S. Penn mentioned that she will be working in conjunction with C. Sholberg on the South End Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.
- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society:  
C. Meutzner was not in attendance.
- d) Nanaimo District and Museum:  
J. Manning was not in attendance.
- e) Design Advisory Panel:  
J. Perry noted that other than the proposal for Millstone power plant site (see Item 6A), there was no heritage-related content discussed.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2009-Oct-07 in the City Hall Board Room.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Chair

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Date