



MINUTES
NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-APR-01 AT 5:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET

Present:	William E. Gard, Chair John Hofman Joan Perry Jill Stannard	Loyd Sherry – left 6:37 p.m. Charlene Riches Karen Hovestad Christine Meutzner – left 6:08 p.m.
Staff:	Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner	Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary
Regrets:	John Manning	Sandra Penn
Guests:	Gail & Sheldon Stenberg, Homeowners (461 Vancouver Ave) Connie Koralenka & John Black, Homeowners, (797 Girvin Ave)	

1. Call to Order

Chair W.E. Gard called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes (2009-Mar-04)

MOVED by J. Stannard, SECONDED by C. Riches, that the Minutes of the 2009-Mar-04 meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

3. Budget Review (\$4,918.74)

4. Delegation

5. Correspondence, Periodicals, & Newsletters

- a) Nanaimo Arts Council Newsletter

6. New Business

a) Nob Hill Heritage Walk Brochure:

C. Sholberg provided Commission members with a draft version of the Nob Hill Heritage Walk brochure which is about 90% complete.

- The cover image may be converted to a color image.
- C. Meutzner will assist in reviewing the content.
- The brochure material will also be used for a kiosk to be installed at Nob Hill Park.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by K. Hovestad, that \$2,000 of the budget be allocated to the print production of the Nob Hill Heritage Walk brochure. CARRIED.

C. Sholberg distributed heritage walk brochures from the City of Vancouver for the Commission's review.

7. Old Business

a) Election of DAP representative:

J. Perry had offered to be the DAP representative at the last meeting, but did not want to make a firm decision until all members had been asked. C. Sholberg noted that the representative will only need to attend a DAP meeting if a Heritage Building Alteration Permit is on the agenda, or some other item of heritage interest.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by K. Hovestad, that J. Perry be nominated as the DAP representative for 2009. CARRIED.

It was decided that if J. Perry is unable to make it to a meeting regarding heritage matters, C. Meutzner or W.E. Gard will attend as her alternate.

b) Nanaimo Ladysmith Retired Teachers Association Heritage Committee:

C. Sholberg advised that he has contacted the NLRTA Committee and they are still interested in receiving \$250 funding from the Heritage Commission to catalog their collection of heritage texts and memorabilia.

The Commission strongly feels that before providing funding to this committee, they should see what progress has been/or will be made. It would also be valuable for the Commission to know what other heritage groups in Nanaimo are working on.

C. Sholberg will set up an appointment for any interested NCHC members to tour the facility.

In response to a question from the Commission, C. Sholberg will find out how much funding the committee received from the Museum for the catalog project.

c) Building Rehab Awards (Commercial & Residential):

C. Sholberg briefly outlined the awards and introduced the candidates. He noted that all of the projects have received funding from the City, and that last year, the Commission recognized more than one candidate from each category. The awards will be presented on May 20th, 2009, at the Awards Ceremony.

Commercial:

Willard Service Station (299 Wallace Street)
Provincial Liquor Store (25 Cavan Street)

The Commission agreed that because these buildings are so different and unique, and because they both have been beautifully rehabilitated, they are equally deserving of the rehab award.

MOVED by J. Hofman, SECONDED by J. Stannard, to recommend to Council that both the Willard Service Station (299 Wallace Street) and the Provincial Liquor Store (25 Cavan Street) be presented with Commercial Building Rehab Awards. CARRIED.

Residential:

Wilkinson Residence (305 Kennedy Street) – Chimney repair
Parrot Residence (411 Machleary Street) – Paint job
Sharp Residence (261 Vancouver Avenue) – Front porch replacement
Well Residence (904 Wentworth Street) – Roof repair

K. Hovestad noted that the chimney repair at 305 Kennedy Street is the best example of a conservation project of the group given the owner has reconstructed part of each chimney using the original brick.

- C. Sholberg may want to contact the owner and ask them to consider reinforcing the chimney with steel as a safety precaution.

MOVED by K. Hovestad, SECONDED by J. Perry, to recommend to Council that the Wilkinson Residence (305 Kennedy Street) be presented with the Residential Building Rehab Award. CARRIED.

d) John Thomson Memorial Award – Nominations:

C. Sholberg provided a copy of the John Thomson Memorial Award criteria and advised that this award was created to recognize an individual's heritage service and dedication to the community.

The Commission received one nomination from Debbie Trueman, General Manager of the Museum, nominating Parker Williams. The Commission agreed that Parker Williams is a very strong candidate for this award.

MOVED by K. Hovestad, SECONDED by J. Perry, to recommend to Council that Parker Williams be nominated as recipient for the 2009 John Thomson Memorial Award. CARRIED.

e) Heritage Register – Nominations & Deletions:

Nominations:

• ***Bird House (461 Vancouver Avenue)***

C. Sholberg advised that this house scored low on the point evaluation system (56/100), mainly due to its stucco exterior and 1970s style windows; although the interior is fundamentally intact and representative of the houses period of construction.

The owners of this home have applied for a Heritage Home Grant to repaint the exterior of the house, and are also planning to replace the windows.

J. Hofman did not participate in the motion.

MOVED by K. Hovestad, SECONDED by J. Perry, to recommend to Council that the Bird House (461 Vancouver Avenue) be added to the Heritage Register. CARRIED.

• ***City/Museum Warehouse Building (752 Howard Avenue)***

C. Sholberg advised that this building failed under the point evaluation system (41/100).

He noted the building was built in the early 1900s and was originally Dickson's Dairy farm. The farm spread from Howard Avenue to Bruce Avenue, with Barsby's playing fields serving as pastures. This barn is one of the last examples of an agricultural building that remains in the Five Acres area and could be one of the first representations of a large farm in the area.

C. Meutzner commented that as soon as another use is found for the property, the barn probably will be removed.

C. Sholberg will set up a site visit with the Parks Department staff for Commission members to view the inside. It is possible that the building may include elements that have heritage value (cow stalls, unique beams, etc). It may also be possible to determine what the Parks Department has planned for the site.

Consideration of this building for addition to the Heritage Register will be deferred until a site visit has taken place.

Deletions:

The following deletions from the register were noted by C. Sholberg:

Hunt Estate Cottage (925 Harbour View Street) - destroyed by fire
Nanaimo Motors (20 Front Street) - demo for Insight Tower

f) Heritage Home Grant Applications:

C. Sholberg provided a summary of each Heritage Home Grant application to the members for review. Each home is on the Heritage Register.

C. Meutzner suggested that all be nominated as they are all on the Heritage Register.

L. Sherry noted that because two of the three homeowners are in attendance, the Commission should listen to their proposals before proceeding with a decision.

- **Spence Residence (746 Railway Avenue)**

Because the owners were not in attendance, C. Sholberg spoke on their behalf. He advised that this house is in dire need of a paint job. The owners would like to keep the original color scheme as it has remained that way for several decades (white with black trim). Many Commission members, however, wanted the homeowners to try a new color scheme. It was noted that the application was considered at the last meeting but there was no quorum.

C. Riches abstained from voting.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by K. Hovestad, that the Spence Residence (746 Railway Avenue) receive a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant subject to Council approval of the 2009 grant program. CARRIED.

- **Bird Residence (461 Vancouver Avenue)**

Gail and Sheldon Stenberg were in attendance and spoke to their proposal. C. Sholberg reviewed the proposed paint colors for this house with the Commission members and advised that although the exterior of this house has been stuccoed, the heritage value still exists. The interior is relatively intact and contains many authentic elements. A repaint would be the next best thing to a full rehabilitation of the exterior.

As per the previous motion, this house will be added to the Heritage Register, making it eligible for a Heritage Home Grant.

MOVED by J. Stannard, SECONDED by C. Riches, that the Bird Residence (461 Vancouver Avenue) receive a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant, subject to Council approval of the 2009 grant program and subject to addition to the Heritage Register. CARRIED.

- **Girvin Road Residence (797 Girvin Road)**

Connie Koralenka and John Black were in attendance and spoke to their proposal. C. Sholberg reviewed the proposed paint colors with the Commission, and the members were in favor of the proposed color scheme.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by K. Hovestad, that the Girvin Residence (797 Girvin Road) receive a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant subject to Council approval of the 2009 grant program, to complete the paint project as specified in their proposal. CARRIED.

g) Mine Rescue Station Rehabilitation:

C. Sholberg advised that since the last meeting, this funding request was referred to Council.

L. Sherry told the Commission that he had informed Council that the Heritage Commission has no funds for it. L. Sherry recommended to Council that the item be deferred to the Grants-in-Aid Committee. The Commission agreed to refer this request to the Grants-in-Aid Committee with a motion of support, as the Mine Rescue Station is of significant heritage value.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by C. Riches, to recommend to the Grants-in-Aid Committee that they give serious consideration to this funding request due to the heritage value of the Mine Rescue Station. CARRIED.

L. Sherry left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

- h) 2009 Workplan:
C. Sholberg advised that the workplan was endorsed by Council.
- i) Foundry Interpretive Plaque at Oliver Woods Rec. Centre:
C. Sholberg advised that wood from the Foundry was incorporated into the front entrance of the Oliver Woods Rec. Centre.

W.E. Gard suggested an interpretive plaque be installed, recognizing the incorporation of the Foundry wood. C. Sholberg and C. Meutzner will gather the plaque context (text and images). This plaque could be created in-house for approximately \$50.

C. Sholberg advised that the Parks Department will have the final decision with respect to installation of a sign.

By consensus of the Commission, C. Sholberg was instructed to complete an interpretive plaque that acknowledges the incorporation of the Foundry's wood in the entrance of Oliver Woods Rec. Centre and present the draft sign to the Commission for review.
- j) Façade Grant and Heritage Home Grant Programs:
C. Sholberg provided a list of Façade Grants and Heritage Home Grants that have been paid or committed from 2006 to March 2009.
- k) Heritage B.C. Conference in Kelowna, June 4-6th, 2009:
It was decided that Commission members will not attend this conference.

8. Late Items

- a) British Columbia Historical Federation Conference: History in Your Neighbourhood, May 13-15th, 2009 info & registration form:
J. Hofman was interested in attending this conference on behalf of the Commission. C. Sholberg will provide materials for J. Hofman to present at the conference. J. Hofman will be responsible for registering himself, but will be reimbursed for his expenses at a later date.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by J. Perry, that up to \$500 of the budget be allocated to J. Hofman (\$300 for registration) to attend this conference in Nelson, Kelowna. CARRIED.

9. Committee Reports

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee:
Nothing to report.
- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation:
No report.
- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society:
No report
- d) Nanaimo District and Museum:
No report.
- e) Design Advisory Panel:
No report.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2009-May-06 in the City Hall Board Room. This meeting will be a joint meeting held with the Ladysmith Heritage Commission.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date