

CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-Mar-04 AT 5:00 P.M., IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL
(455 WALLACE STREET)

Present: John Hofman, Chair
Bill Gard
Joan Perry – regrets at 6:40
Jill Stannard
Loyd Sherry
Charlene Riches
John Manning – regrets at 6:30

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

Regrets: Karen Hovestad
Christine Meutzner
Sandra Penn

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair J. Hofman called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (2009-Jan-07)

MOVED by B. Gard, SECONDED by C. Riches, that the minutes of the 2009-Jan-07 meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

3. BUDGET REVIEW (\$5,400.00 pending on Council budget approval)

4. LATE ITEMS

- a) Nanaimo Historical Society Newsletter
- b) Mine Rescue Station Rehabilitation – Funding Support
- c) Heritage Home Grant Application for Spence Residence (746 Railway Avenue)

5. DELEGATION

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

- a) Heritage B.C. Quarterly
- b) Nanaimo Arts Council Newsletter
- c) Morden Mine News
- d) Heritage Canada Foundation Sees Positive Notes in Federal Budget

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Election of Chair/Vice-Chair for 2009:
 - B. Gard has volunteered to be the Chair for the Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission in 2009.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by C. Riches, that B. Gard be elected as Chair. CARRIED.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by J. Hofman, that C. Riches be elected Vice-Chair. CARRIED.

b) PNAC Appointment:

- J. Hofman has volunteered to be the PNAC representative for the Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission in 2009.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by J. Perry, that J. Hofman be elected as PNAC representative.
CARRIED.

c) DAP Appointment:

- To be determined at next meeting.
- Joan has volunteered to be the tentative DAP representative until further notice.

d) Request for funding support (\$4,000) from Friends of Morden Mine:

- Looking for funding to preserve the concrete head and tipple structures at the Morden Mine site.
- The site is part of a B.C. Park.
- The Society is interested in one day having walking tours that highlight the area's mining history.
- There are currently two walking tours per year and they are always successful.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by J. Stannard, that the Commission support the Friends of Morden Mine Society's proposed strategic plan for the Morden Mine site and recommend that Council provide the \$4,000 requested for the plan. CARRIED.

e) Request for funding support (\$250) from Nanaimo-Ladysmith Retired Teachers Association Heritage Committee:

- Requesting funding to help them to complete a cataloging project with their heritage texts and memorabilia.
- J. Manning noted that this committee has already contacted the museum for funding support.
- C. Sholberg will contact Vicki Harrison of the committee to confirm whether or not the Association would still like support from the Commission.
- Will be deferred until the next meeting.

f) Heritage Commission Work Plan - draft for review:

- The Commission reviewed the draft work plan for 2009.

To be added to the 2009 work plan:

- **Stone coat-of-arms in City Hall:** \$500 is already committed by the Commission to install the recently found, stone-etched coat-of-arms.

To be removed:

- **Prepare National Historic Site Application for Newcastle Island:** C. Sholberg will notify both Snuneymuxw First Nation and BC Parks, that the Commission will no longer be pursuing National Historic Site status for Newcastle Island at this time.

To be postponed:

- **Place improved Park Bench at Pioneer Cemetery Park:** This item will not be removed from the work plan, but the dollar figure of \$1,200 will be removed from the work plan, and the time period expanded to one year.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by J. Hofman, that the 2009 Work Plan be adopted with the revisions as shown above, and presented to Council for endorsement. CARRIED.

- g) Heritage Nominations – John Thomson Memorial Award and Building Rehab Awards (Commercial and Residential):
- C. Sholberg provided a list of possible nominees for the Heritage Building Rehab Awards.
 - Residential nominations include:
 - Wilkinson Residence (305) Kennedy Street
 - Parrot Residence (411 Machleary Street)
 - Sharp Residence (261 Vancouver Avenue)
 - Wells Residence (904 Wentworth Street)
 - Commercial nominations include:
 - Williard Service Station (299 Wallace Street)
 - Provincial Liquor Store (25 Cavan Street)
 - The John Thomson Memorial Award is given to one individual.
 - J. Perry noted that a selection criteria was updated for the John Thomson memorial Award two years ago – Will this be used?
 - C. Sholberg will find the criteria and distribute at the next meeting.
 - Award nomination decisions were deferred until next meeting, however, C. Sholberg was asked to run a newspaper ad requesting public nominations for the John Thomson Memorial Award.
- h) 2009 Heritage Summit – debrief (C. Sholberg):
- The Summit was a success this year, with good attendance both by the heritage community and City Council.
 - Had hoped to see more neighbourhood groups in attendance than there was.
 - Notes from the Heritage Summit will be distributed to all who were invited and attended, within the next month.
- i) One year appointment:
- The new Council directed that all appointments be one year in length so that an assessment of the committees may be completed after that time.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Heritage Register Update:
- Deferred until next meeting.
- b) Placement of Balmoral Hotel on Heritage Register:
- C. Sholberg has contacted Christine Martens of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and they are not interested in having the Balmoral Hotel placed on the Heritage Register.
- c) Joint Meeting with Ladysmith Heritage Commission:
- The Ladysmith Heritage Commission has been invited and will attend the Nanaimo Commission's regular meeting scheduled May 6th, 2009 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., to exchange information.
- d) Miners Memorial:
- B. Gard asked about the status of the Miners' Memorial proposal. C. Sholberg noted that the proposal is on the Parks Commission, Cultural Committee's radar but is not an immediate priority. Parks is currently working on a Public Art plan and we will see where the proposal stands after the plan is completed.

9. LATE ITEMS

- a) Mine Rescue Station Rehabilitation – Funding Support:
- The Mine Rescue Station is one of the few existing examples of Nanaimo's mining history and still remains very significant.
 - It was noted that there is no existing City grant proposal that is applicable to their property. The grant proposal is therefore a special request.
 - It was also noted that the condition of the building warrants repair and rehabilitation work.

- Will be further discussed at the next meeting as quorum is no longer present.
- b) Heritage Home Grant Application for Spence Residence (746 Railway Avenue):
- C. Sholberg provided a brief summary of the property's heritage value and noted that the grant application fits the grant program criteria, and is therefore supportable.
 - The owner is proposing a repaint of the building in its existing color scheme.
 - B. Gard, J. Hofman, and J. Stannard support the grant application for \$2,500.
 - C. Riches did not vote due to family connection with the applicant.
 - Will be further discussed at the next meeting as quorum is no longer present.
- c) The Commission recommend that the small sign be replaced at Oliver Woods Recreation Centre noting that wood near the front counter is recycled from the Nanaimo Foundry
- C. Sholberg will speak to the Parks Department about this and make the necessary arrangements.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee:
- N/A
- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation:
- S. Penn not in attendance.
- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society:
- C. Meutzner not in attendance.
- d) Nanaimo District and Museum:
- J. Manning not in attendance.
- e) Design Advisory Panel:
- Nothing to report.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2009-Apr-01 in the City Hall Board Room.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date