

CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-JAN-07 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
(455 WALLACE STREET)

Present:	John Hofman, Chair Bill Gard Christine Meutzner	Karen Hovestad Charlene Riches Loyd Sherry
Staff:	Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner	Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary
Regrets:	Geraldine Manson Dallas Dowson-Buffalo	David Hill-Turner Blake McGuffie

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (2008-DEC-03)

MOVED by K. Hovestad, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the minutes of the 2008-Dec-03 meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

3. BUDGET REVIEW (\$6,000)

C. Sholberg noted:

- The budget review process is currently taking place within council.
- The \$6,000 amount is an estimated amount until council has set the final budget.
- The amount will be based on last year's amount.
- It may be better to consider a smaller budget due to cutbacks. (\$4,000-\$5,000)

4. LATE ITEMS

a) Balmoral Hotel Façade:

C. Meutzner noted:

- The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) have now moved into the Balmoral.
- CMHA is interested in replicating the original façade on the exterior of the building.
 - they seemed to be enthusiastic about the project

C. Meutzner received a drawing of the Balmoral's original façade design and presented it to the Commission.

- The Balmoral Hotel is not currently on the heritage register and therefore does not have heritage status.
 - it is possible to add this building to the register for cultural value
 - if the building had heritage status, it would be eligible to receive a façade grant
 - putting this building on the heritage register could be the first step in CMHA receiving a façade grant
 - it should be considered that if this building is not put on the register, the facade be designed in whatever style CMHA decides
- Revitalization of this building may lead the way for other buildings in the neighbourhood.
- Involvement in a project outside of the usual "downtown area" would be an interesting change.

- C. Sholberg will confirm with Chris Martens, CMHA Executive Director, whether the CMHA would like the Balmoral to be considered for placement on the Heritage Register and will provide a response at the next meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

- a) None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Election of Chair/Vice Chair for 2009:

- The election of the 2009 NCHC Chair/Vice Chair will take place at the next meeting.
- Appointments from council will not take place until February.
 - The next meeting will take place in March.

- b) PNAC Appointment:

- The appointment of a PNAC representative will take place at the next meeting.

- c) Nanaimo African Heritage Society - \$500.00 Sponsorship Request:(See attached info Item 6C)

- The Nanaimo African Heritage Society is looking for sponsorships to cover operational costs of February's "Black History Month" events.
- In the past, NCHC has sponsored these events.
 - Last year, the Commission was billed for more than they had agreed to donate.
- The African Society seems to be taking a global approach to Black History Month.
 - There is no local context or components included in the events.
 - The Commission feels that this particular sponsorship request does not fall within the scope of their mandate.
 - The Commission would be more likely to consider sponsoring cultural events that are specific to Nanaimo's history.
- A sponsorship/grant policy needs to be put in place for future requests such as this.
 - A formalized policy containing points of criteria that must be met to receive grants would make dealing with sponsorship requests easier for Chris and the Commission.
 - C. Meutzner would be willing to draft a basic criteria policy that could be adopted at a future meeting.
- C. Sholberg will contact Shalema Gantt and inform her that because the 2009 Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission has not yet been appointed and due to an uncertain budget, sponsorship is not possible this year.
- L. Sherry suggested that C. Sholberg speak with other committees to determine whether the Nanaimo African Heritage Society has requested funding from them, too.

MOVED by B. Gard, SECONDED by C. Riches, that a policy for sponsorship/grant applications be drafted, and that the Commission respectfully declines sponsorship to this event. CARRIED.

- d) Stone Coat-of-arms – mounting at City Hall - \$500.00 to install: (See attached info Item 6D)

- The coat-of-arms was designed specifically for the grand opening of the City Hall building and the arrival of the Lord Mayor London.
 - Most of the artist's input came from the city archivist in Vancouver.
- L. Sherry had received an e-mail from a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church regarding the piece being stored in their basement for many years.

- The piece was being stored in the church because it was planned to be located near the Cenotaph as a decorative piece.
- The Commission feels that it would be appropriate to display the marble coat-of-arms in the main entrance of the City Hall building, mounted on the wall next to the Mayor's office.
- Some small interpretive signage should be included under the piece, outlining the history and meaning behind it.
 - A simple and clean design should be used.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by L. Sherry, that the amount of up to \$500 be allocated from the 2009 budget, towards the installation of the coat-of-arms in the City Hall lobby next to the Mayor's office. CARRIED.

e) Ships That Built Nanaimo – Phase 2 application to BC150: (See attached info Item 6E)

- The Historical Society was so pleased with the end result of the first two "Ships that Built Nanaimo" interpretive plaques, that they are interested in looking at creating two signs plaques featuring eight more ships.
 - two more signs, four ships per sign
- The Historical Society submitted an application to BC150 but was denied because they do not currently have "society status".
- Because the city is able to qualify for the grant, the City applied on their behalf.
- \$3,200 was received. This covers all costs of the signs.
- C. Sholberg will work with the Historical Society to produce the signs which must be installed by 2009-Mar-21.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) 2008/2009 Heritage Register Nominations – Status:

Regarding the farm on Howard Avenue:

- C. Sholberg has spoken to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department to let them know that the old farm building at 725 Howard Avenue has been nominated for the heritage register.
 - The Parks Department is not averse to this building receiving heritage status, but is unsure of what the restrictions of such a status would entail.
- C. Sholberg can inform the owners that we will continue with an evaluation and get back to them with the information.
- The Commission suggested going to the site for a walk-through and to take some photos.

C. Sholberg noted:

- The properties that were brought to his attention in the Stephenson Point Area still need to be evaluated.
- The nominations are still being processed.

b) Heritage Summit, Feb. 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m., VICC – Lantzville Room

- The speaker at the summit will be Patrick Dunae.
- The Commission feels that they should present special guests and speakers that come to Nanaimo with a small honorarium for their time.
 - an item of City of Nanaimo merchandise (t-shirt, vest, etc.)
 - a gift certificate or coupon too

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by C. Meutzner, that the Commission provide the speaker at the Heritage Summit (Patrick Dunae) with a gift certificate to Chapters and an item of City of Nanaimo merchandise (total value up to \$100) as a token of gratitude for the presentation. CARRIED.

c) Joint Meeting/Tour with Ladysmith Heritage Commission – Status:

- Hoping to arrange the event to take place in March, April, or May.
- C. Sholberg has contacted Maureen Marten of the Ladysmith Heritage Commission.
 - Maureen will contact Chris after their February meeting.
- The Ladysmith Heritage Commission would most likely come to Nanaimo for the meeting/tour.
 - could have a meeting, followed by a tour of Nanaimo, or vice-versa
- The Commission feels it would be a good idea to meet with other communities in the future.
 - Knowing what issues are most prominent in different communities can be very helpful and insightful.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee:

- No updates.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation:

- G. Manson was not present.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society:

- The E.J. Hughes mural unveiling is set for the spring and will be organized by the Parks Department.
- Just because one owns a painting, does not mean they own the copyright on that painting.
 - C. Meutzner noted that the Nanaimo Archives owns the copyright on this mural.
- The Cultural Committee wants to market mural reproductions.
 - The Nanaimo Archives would have to give the permission for the Cultural Commission to produce E.J. Hughes mural reproductions and merchandise.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum:

- D. Hill Turner not present.

e) Design Advisory Panel:

- No updates.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2009-Mar-04 in the City Hall Board Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.