

**CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2007-DEC-05 AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE DORCHESTER HOTEL, 70 CHURCH STREET**

Present: Dallas Dowson-Buffalo
 Bill Gard
 David Hill-Turner

John Hofman, Chair
Christine Meutzner
Blake McGuffie
Charlene Riches

Staff:
Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner
Fran Grant, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Geraldine Manson
 Karen Hovestad

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Hofman at 5:20 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (2007-Nov-07)

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the minutes of 2007-Nov-07 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET REVIEW (\$ 350.00 based on commitments)

C. Sholberg advised that there is \$350 of uncommitted funds left in the Commission's 2007 budget.

4. LATE ITEMS

C. Sholberg showed the Commission one of the plaques that heritage home grant recipients receive to place on their homes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Park Bench for Pioneer Cemetery:

C. Meutzner noted:

- NCHC has supported other group's projects such as the plaques.
- Feel the Commission should think about doing a few of our own projects.
- One idea is to replace the unsuitable bench that is in Pioneer Cemetery park.
- Would like to get a quote on a more suitable bench through the City.

C. Sholberg:

- Believe the price is \$1200 for ornamental bench but will have to verify that.

NCHC comment:

- Feel the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission should be putting in the bench. Perhaps they would cost-share with the Commission.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by B. Gard, that staff investigate the cost of a good quality park bench for Pioneer Cemetery Park.

CARRIED

b) Motave Snack Bar (50 Victoria Crescent) – Proposed Plaque:

C. Sholberg noted:

- Owner has made application under 50/50 cost sharing basis as per City's Heritage Plaque Policy.
- Owner is a descendant of original Shaw family.
- Will work with owner on revising text.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by C. Riches, that the Commission commit to cost sharing of up to \$250 to produce Motave Snack Bar, heritage plaque.

CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) E. J. Hughes Mural Memo Status:

C. Sholberg gave an brief update and noted:

- Council is now committing \$200,000 to restore the murals and have them placed in the Conference Centre.
- An excellent presentation was given to Council by Brenda Grice, a local landscape architect.

Commission comment:

- Feel that a letter should be sent to Brenda Grice to thank her for her work on this issue.

C. Sholberg will draft a letter to B. Grice on behalf of the Commission and forward to Chair J. Hofman for approval and signature.

b) 2007-Nov-08 Awards Luncheon Debrief:

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The event was very successful.
- This was the first year that the Commission handed out awards and the feedback from recipients was very positive.

The Commission agreed that this format worked very well.

c) John Thomson Memorial Award – Draft Evaluation Guidelines

C. Sholberg ask that this item be deferred to the next meeting and the Commission agreed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

D. Hill-Turner noted:

- November meeting saw a presentation of draft version of the new OCP.
- Most of the heritage content is a repeat from 1996 plan.
- There is a second section of the Plan that also deals with heritage which hasn't been reviewed yet.
- Commission should take look at heritage component early next year after the final draft is completed.

Commission comments:

- There are heritage sites and buildings which are in neighbourhoods other than the downtown that should be documented.
- Could also look at working with Neighbourhood Network and see if they want to do initial identification process.
- Need to take a broader approach to community heritage.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson was not present.

C. Sholberg advised that:

- At the recent Departure Bay History Night Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) advised that they have an interest in purchasing the dig site at 2855 Departure Bay Road (old ice cream stand site).
- During the dig, the archeologist has encountered many SFN human remains and the SFN decided that the site should be acquired and preserved.
- SFN approached the provincial government about the acquisition of the property and they agreed to look at purchasing it. Should know by end of February 2008 if the negotiations have been successful.
- Departure Bay was main village site of SFN and they are interested in other lots in immediate area as well.
- May have to reassess the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Plan's designation of this area being a commercial centre. Cultural / recreational designation may ultimately be more suitable.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner noted:

- Did not have a budget for website but it has been completed for free and we are very pleased with it.
- Recently acquired eight new volunteers who are able to do the necessary computer work.
- Have seven new data bases in place.
- nanaimoarchives.ca is new website address.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum

D. Hill-Turner noted:

- Current site is closed and everything has been packed up.
- Layout for new facility is still in planning stages and we are working with exhibit designer.
- Will make a presentation at the Commission's February meeting.
- Aiming for mid-summer 2008 opening.
- Can't have workshops in new museum because of rating system so will continue to use old building for storage and work space.

e) Design Advisory Panel

J. Hofman and B. McGuffie noted:

- Dec. 13 meeting will be to review draft Downtown Design Guidelines.
- Katerina's Restaurant building is being replaced by a five store building with commercial on the ground and residential above.
- Insite Development has purchased the Tom Brown's property and also talking about purchasing adjacent lot.
- Don't know what the plans are for the site.
- Think NCHC should try and get Texaco sign off of the Tom Brown's building as a heritage sign.

C. Sholberg added:

- Will talk to Insite Development representatives and inquire about their plans for the site.
- Developer would have to apply for heritage alteration permit to demolish the building.
- Will report back to the Commission in January.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2008-Jan-09.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date