

**CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE
COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2007-JUNE-06 AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE BRICK COTTAGE (1904 JINGLE POT ROAD)**

Present: Bill Gard
John Hofman, Chair
Blake McGuffie
Christine Meutzner
Charlene Riches

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

Regrets: Geraldine Manson
Dallas Dowson-Buffalo
Councillor Loyd Sherry
David Hill-Turner
Karen Hovestad

Guests: Debbie Palmer
Mary Thiess
Bill Juby

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Hofman at 5:05 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES 2007-May-02:

C. Meutzner asked that the following changes be made:

- Page 2, 7 a) 499 Seventh Street, comments from Commission, second bullet – change “Southend” to “south”.
- Page 3, 7 a) 523 Vancouver Avenue, second paragraph – change “Statement of Significance” to “heritage value statement”.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by C. Riches, that the minutes of 2007-May-02 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET REVIEW:

C. Sholberg noted that the budget currently sits at \$5054.00.

4. LATE ITEMS:

- a) Heritage Home Owner Grant Applications (C. Sholberg)
- b) Heritage Register Nomination (C. Sholberg)
- c) Heritage B.C. Annual Conference – Report (C. Sholberg)

5. DELEGATIONS

a) Heritage Home Owner Grant Applications (late item):

115 Machleary Street, owner B. Juby noted:

- Have owned the home for 17 years.
- Application is for funding assistance to repaint the house.
- Have chosen colours close to original colours.

Comment from the Commission:

- This home was on the Heritage Home Tour and is well kept.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by B. McGuffie, that the maximum grant of \$2,500. be approved for 115 Machleary Street.

CARRIED

285 Wall Street, owner Debbie Palmer noted:

- Application is for funding assistance to repaint the house.
- Will keep the current colours which are from the Benjamin Moore heritage pallet.

C. Sholberg went over the heritage value statement and noted that this home was a recent addition to the Heritage Register.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by C. Riches, that the maximum grant of \$2,500. be approved for 285 Wall Street.

CARRIED

b) Pacific Biological Station:

C. Sholberg gave a quick update on the Pacific Biological Station National Historic Sites nomination, and read the letter from Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. He also noted that:

- Spoke to M. Audy, Executive Secretary of the Monuments Board, who further explained the reason for having the Biological Station evaluated as an 'event' (for the research) rather than a 'site'.
- There is some concern about the historic integrity of the Station that could cause the nomination of the site to fail if it were evaluated as a site.

Mary Thiess, Pacific Biological Station re: City recognition of Station heritage significance, noted that:

- City recognition would compliment the nomination for national heritage status.
- Focus on the role of the Station in the community and Nanaimo.
- Would like to have the City recognition, perhaps in the form of a plaque, in place for the Station's 2008 centennial celebrations.
- Will check to see if there are any funds available to install a cairn or plaque.
- Any plaque would need to be placed in a public area, perhaps close to the original building.

C. Sholberg will contact the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to see if the City can recognize the built heritage of the Biological Station and its local importance to the development of the City without interfering with the national historical site nomination.

Comments from the Commission:

- City recognition could also focus on the reciprocal partnership between the City and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and how they have worked together.
- B. Gard would like to personally contribute \$200 to this very worthwhile project.
- If the City is not able to recognize DFO with a plaque, perhaps it could take a different form such as a painting by a local artist.

M. Thiess added:

- If something can be worked out, would like to have a reception with dignitaries from DFO and the City, sometime in the fall of 2008.

- As an aside, we have applied to appear as a delegation before Council regarding hosting a public lecture series at the Station.

The Chair thanked M. Thiess for attending.

The Commission directed C. Sholberg to answer the correspondence from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada date 2007-Apr-24 and indicate support for changing the nomination from a National Historic Site to a National Historic Event.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS:

- a) Heritage BC Quarterly:

C. Sholberg distributed copies.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Letter from Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada re: Pacific Biological Station National Historic Sites nomination.

This item was dealt with under item 5 b).

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

C. Sholberg read and e-mail from D. Hill-Turner which noted that there was nothing of heritage interest.

- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson was not present.

- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner noted:

- Some talk of the museum being the most logical place to display the Malaspina Hotel murals but the museum does not support the idea.
- City staff have shown a keen interest in preserving the murals and are looking into having them displayed in a public space, perhaps a City park.
- Working on digital files with City committee.

- d) Nanaimo District and Museum

C. Sholberg read and e-mail from D. Hill-Turner which noted:

- Uprooted: A Journey of Japanese Canadian Fishing Families opened in May and will run until September 16.
- Fashion exhibit "From Top to Toes" will run until July 15.
- Second floor gallery will close at the end of September to make room for construction of exhibits for the new museum.

- Cemetery Strolls and Historical Pub Tour begins this month on alternate Mondays until the end of August. Museum is developing a “wish list” of objects and images that we will need to help move our exhibits forward into the second half of the 20th century. Will be sending the list to Commission members later this month so they can look for these items at garage sales or swap meets.
- Need to get the word out to the public about preserving our recent heritage as many people do not think it is either old enough or of interest to anyone.

e) Design Advisory Panel

J. Hofman noted:

- DAP recommended approval of an application by the owners of the Terminal Hotel (63 Victoria Crescent) to reconstruct the store front and install fixed canopies.

10. LATE ITEMS:

a) Heritage Register Nomination – 118 Finlayson St.

C. Sholberg noted:

- Is a basic building form.
- Did a quick evaluation which did not meet the 50 points required.
- Will bring back to the September meeting which will give Commission members time to visit the site.
- Has vinyl siding but that is reversible.

C. Meutzner added:

- Representative of a very common housing style and has been well maintained.
- Do note have any of this building form on the Register.

11. NEXT MEETING:

The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for 2007-July-04 unless something urgent arises. The next regularly meeting will be held on 2007-Sept.-05.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date