

**CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE
COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2007-FEB-07 AT 5:00 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET**

Present: Bill Gard
John Hofman, Chair
Dallas Dowson-Buffalo
David Hill-Turner
Karen Hovestad
Staff:
Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner
Fran Grant, Recording Secretary

Blake McGuffie
Christine Meutzner
Charlene Riches
Councillor Loyd Sherry

Regrets: Geraldine Manson

Guest: Joan Perry

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Hofman at 4:55 pm.

C. Sholberg advised that the meeting will have to adjourn at 5:45 as he, B. McGuffie and F. Grant have to attend the Southend Community Safety Forum at 6:00.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (2007-Jan-03)

MOVED by D. Hill-Turner, SECONDED by B. McGuffie, that the minutes of 2007-Jan-03 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET REVIEW (\$8,800.00 working)

C. Sholberg advised that:

- The budget for 2007 has been reduced to \$5800.
- Estimated expenditures for the year are \$4900 unless additional expenses occur.

4. LATE ITEMS

No late items.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

a) Nanaimo Historical Society Newsletter

Attached for information

b) Nanaimo Arts Council Newsletter

Attached for information

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Election of Chair/Vice-Chair for 2007 (C. Sholberg)

B. McGuffie nominated J. Hofman as Chair and B. Gard as Vice-Chair, seconded by D. Hill-Turner.

J. Hofman and B. Gard accepted the nominations.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by D. Dowson-Buffalo, that J. Hofman is elected Chair and B. Gard as Vice-chair.

CARRIED

b) 2007 Work plan (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg gave a brief overview of the work plan (included in the agenda package).

No changes were suggested by the Commission

B. Gard requested an update on the status of Harewood school for next meeting

c) Heritage Register Nominations (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg distributed copies of public nominations received for additions to the Heritage Register and did an overview. He also noted:

- Remove foundry
- Will work on value statements and bring to next meeting

Comments from the Commission:

- Group agreed to proceed with a value statement on all nominations before deciding on which ones are viable additions to the register.

C. Sholberg encouraged Commission members to do site visits of the homes on the list before the next meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) 10 Year Official Community Plan Review – Update (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg advised:

- There will be a public workshop on the Urban Containment Boundary on Feb. 15 at Beban Park in the lounge starting at 5:00 p.m.
- PNAC will hold another public meeting to get further input from the public on the OCP amendment applications. It is being held on Feb 27 at Beban Park in the lounge starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Mar 06 is tentatively set for a public workshop on neighbourhood density.
- Comment sheets will be available at all events
- Consultant is compiling comment sheets from events

b) Report to Council re: John Parkin Commemoration - Update (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- Council received the report and endorsed recommended cost sharing between the NCHC and Fire Dept.
- The plaque will highlight the history of Nanaimo's Fire Dept with J. Parkin mentioned in the context of that story.
- Location will be the Harbour Front Plaza which is the site of the original fire hall

c) E&N Railway Station – Update – (C. Sholberg/B. McGuffie)

B. McGuffie noted:

- Took a tour of the station and it has interesting potential.
- Downtown Nanaimo Partnership has allocated some funds for this project.
- One area of challenge is the two freight areas which could be hard to utilize. May create an issue because renovations would be needed to make a contiguous usable space.
- Railway will continue to run and is still being used for freight. Via Rail has also confirmed subsidy.

d) Heritage Summit – Status (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg noted:

- Summit is being held on Feb. 22, starting at 7:00 pm, in the Harmac Room, Port Theatre.
- Invitations and press releases have been sent out
- Theme is vernacular heritage architecture
- C. Sholberg will do the presentation and update on 2006 Heritage Building rehabilitation projects.

J. Perry suggested:

- Mr. Berry always attended on behalf of Yacht Club. The Summit could be an opportunity to acknowledge the work he did.
- Daphne of the Nanaimo Archives would be willing to do this as she worked with Mr. Berry for many years.

e) Industrial Heritage/Foundry Interpretation Concept for Maffeo-Sutton Park

C. Sholberg:

- Was staff initiated.
- As part of parks dept redevelopment of the park.
- Intention to be submitted to Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for their consideration in park redevelopment process.
- Arcadia Architects did a few quick concept drawings.
- Will email final version in next few weeks.
- Structure could be used as a picnic shelter.
- Trying to have the new structure symbolically reflect the foundry.
- Could reuse the salvaged wooden beam work for some of it.

Comments:

- housing concessions and washrooms
- needs cathedral like form to reflect old foundry
- third drawing looks a lot like oldest part of building
- like windows that existed in old building
- Council has approved a grant for spirit square for here and pipers park
- Concept should go to community to get their feedback as they were involved in the first part of the process. .

C. Sholberg will refer these drawings to the Parks staff who are coordinating the public consultation process related to the park design projects after the Heritage Commission reviews final concept drawings.

The remainder of the agenda was held over to the March meeting.

- f) Robins Gardens Development Project (C. Sholberg)
- g) Demolition of Cavalsky Residence at 84 Esplanade 9 (C. Sholberg)
- h) Morden Mine Site – Update (C. Sholberg)
- i) Harewood Heritage Walk/Drive Brochure (C. Sholberg/C. Meutzner)
- j) Heritage Home Grant Program – Information Sheet (C. Sholberg)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee (D. Hill-Turner)
- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation (G. Manson)
- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society (C. Meutzner)
- d) Nanaimo District and Museum (D. Hill-Turner)
- e) Design Advisory Panel (J. Hofman)

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2007-Mar-07

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date