

CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2006-MAY-03 AT 5:00 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET

Present: Bill Gard
John Hofman
Blake McGuffie

Christine Meutzner
Geraldine Manson
Councillor Loyd Sherry
Charlene Riches

Staff:

Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner
Fran Grant, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Dallas Dowson-Buffalo
David Hill-Turner

Karen Hovestad

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Hofman at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption Of Minutes:

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the minutes of 2006-Apr-05 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Budget Review:

C. Sholberg advised that the \$1500 for sponsorship of the Heritage Society conference has been deducted and the current available budget now stands at \$6500.

4. Late Items:

- a) NCHC Terms of Reference regarding Heritage Register.
- b) Brick Cottage – promote availability for rental.

(These items were discussed later in the meeting.)

5. Correspondence/Periodicals/Newsletters:

- a) Museum Newsletter – for information

C. Sholberg noted that the Museum is starting an “Adopt an Artifact” fund raising campaign to help with relocation expenses.

6. New Business:

None

7. Old Business:

a) Heritage Society of B.C. Conference, June 1-3 – registration form:

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The Heritage Society has given the NCHC five complimentary registrations.
- All registrations are to attend all of the conference but full attendance is not necessary.

It was agreed that B. Gard, J. Hofman, B. McGuffie, David Hill-Turner and G. Manson will use the complimentary registrations. C. Sholberg will be attending as a City staff member.

G Manson and C. Meutzner expressed an interest in attending the Cultural Management for Heritage Resources workshop.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the Heritage Commission send G. Manson and C. Meutzner to attend the Cultural Management for Heritage Resources workshop.

CARRIED

b) Columns, Cornices and Coal:

C. Meutzner advised that:

- K. Hovestad has approached a number of downtown businesses regarding the book and found that most would like a product they could sell rather than a brochure.
- C. Meutzner is taking this issue to the Archives Board at their next meeting to see if they would be interested in producing the book as a fund raiser.
- Thinking of including approximately twenty-five buildings and include more information about their value to the community.

Comments from the Commission:

- Would like to see this type of publication continued. Would it be possible to publish something in partnership with the Archives?
- Commission members could help with certain aspects e.g. photos and layout.

C. Sholberg advised that the Commission has \$5000 from the sale of Columns, Cornices and Coal in a reserve account.

C. Meutzner will advise the Commission of the Archive Board's decision.

c) Heritage Walk Brochure – Harewood

C. Meutzner noted that:

- Old City Quarter merchants were not interested in sponsoring a brochure for their area.
- She and K. Hovestad have been looking at the idea of a brochure focusing on Harewood.
- Found nine properties listed in the Heritage Register that could be in the brochure.
- Have some very good photos of an original Five Acre Farm.

- Should only take a day or two to produce a draft brochure.
- C. Sholberg noted that:
- Would follow same format as other walk brochures so it should be less expensive.
 - Will ask J. Teneckye (I-CAD) for an estimate to do layout work.
 - \$1800 has been set aside in the budget for this item. Design work was approximately \$800 for past brochures.

Comments from the Commission:

- Support the idea of the brochure for Harewood.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the NCHC approve the funds needed to publish a heritage walk brochure featuring Harewood heritage sites and buildings.

CARRIED

d) Historic Sites and Monuments Board Nomination

Biological Station:

D. Hill-Turner and B. Gard will be working on this item.

Newcastle Island:

C. Meutzner noted that:

- Newcastle is not part of the First Nation's land claim because it is a provincial park and G. Manson confirmed this.
- The application will take a lot of work and not sure the resulting plaque is worth all of the time that would be required.

G. Manson will contact C. Parsley to see if she is still interested in working on this project.

e) Nanaimo Harbour Tour for Heritage Commission

D. Hill-Turner was not present at the meeting.

8. Committee Reports:

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

D. Hill-Turner was not present at the meeting.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson noted that:

- Spoke to the Band Council about conserving the general store building located on the band lands and there seems to be some interest in relocating it and perhaps using it as an elder meeting room.
- Need to have an engineering assessment done to see if moving it to another location is feasible.

G. Manson and J. Hofman arranged to meet at the end of this week with a representative of Nickel Bros. to discuss the feasibility of relocating the general store.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner noted that:

- The AGM was held on April 6 at the Nanaimo Library with 47 people attending.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum

D. Hill-Turner was not present at the meeting.

e) Design Advisory Panel

J. Hofman advised that there were no items of heritage interest.

9. Late Items:

Heritage Register:

C. Meutzner noted that:

- Maintenance of the Heritage Register is not included in the Commission's Terms of Reference as part of their mandate.
- There are some buildings on the Register that either no longer exist or are in a state of disrepair (e.g. Hunt Estate in Southend)
- Being on the Register should be something to be proud of and not include run down buildings.

Brick Cottage:

The Commission commented that:

- It would be nice to see the cottage used more by community groups.
- Information should be put on web site that the cottage is available for rent.
- Place signage on the building noting that it is available to rent.

C. Sholberg will follow through on this request and report back to the Commission.

10. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2006-June-07 at the Miner's Cottage.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date