



- This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Society.
  - There will be a one day course on Thursday, June 1 on “Planning for the Effective Management of Heritage Sites”.
- R. Goodacre gave the following answers to questions from Commission members:
- Not asking the NCHC for any organizational help as that is being handled by the consultant.
  - Do not have an overall budget available. Fees are being kept low to attract attendees.
  - The event is subsidized by the Heritage Society of B.C. (HSBC) which has an annual budget of \$236,000.
  - If the Commission decides to sponsor part of the event, they would receive three or four complimentary registrations.
  - Suggest that the Commission sponsor the bus tour portion of the conference. Approximate cost would be \$2200.
  - A benefit of the conference is that people are able to get together and talk about common issues.

The Chair thanked R. Goodacre for his presentation.

#### 6. Correspondence/Periodicals/Newsletters

##### a) Nanaimo Archaeological Sites Re-Survey Project

Included in the Agenda package for information.

##### b) Arts Council Newsletter

Included in the Agenda package for information.

#### 7. New Business

##### a) Heritage Society of B.C. Conference June 1-3 – funding request (up to \$2,500)

C. Sholberg gave an overview of the draft Commission budget expenditures for 2006.

Comments from the Commission:

- Would like to have seen a budget. Found the presentation lacking in detail.
- Estimated cost of the buses seems very high.
- Would like to recommend to Council that, as a matter of principle, they contributed \$2500 to match their sponsorship towards the 1996 HSBC conference.
- Suggest to the HSBC that they also ask the DNP and Tourism Nanaimo to be sponsors.

MOVED by D. Hill-Turner, SECONDED by B. McGuffie, that the Commission contribute up to a maximum of \$1500 towards the cost of tour bus rentals.

CARRIED

The following Commission members expressed an interest in attending the Conference as representatives of the Commission: B. Gard, J. Hofman, D. Hill-Turner and B. McGuffie.

C. Sholberg will confirm at the May meeting Commission members who wish to attend.

MOVED by J. Hofman, SECONDED by B. Gard, that NCHC send a letter to Council recommending that the City make a contribution to the Conference to support heritage and recognize the economic spin-off from the Conference.

CARRIED

C. Sholberg will draft a letter which the Commission can present to Council after the City's budget discussion has been completed.

b) Nanaimo Harbour Tour for Heritage Commission

D. Hill-Turner has looked into rental of a boat and advised that:

- Cost of the boat rental would be \$250 per hour with the tour taking approximately 2 hours.
- Could do the tour as part of the July meeting.

The Commission agreed that they would like to do the harbour tour. Commission members could contribute \$10 each towards the cost of the boat rental. D. Hill-Turner will get more information before the next meeting. (He will send this information to C. Sholberg as he will not be able to attend the May meeting.)

c) Diver Lake Plaque Unveiling:

C. Sholberg advised that:

- The plaque unveiling will be held on Tuesday, May 2 at noon.
- Council has been invited to attend. Some relatives of the miners will also be in attendance.
- Press release will be issued.
- Will send more information to Commission members when press release issued.

## 8. Old Business

a) Draft Work Plan - complete

C. Sholberg gave a brief update of the work plan and went over a number of the proposed items for 2006 as follows:

### Create Heritage Conservation Area #2 in the Old City Neighbourhood

C. Sholberg noted that:

- Distributed an outline of the pros and cons of this issue.
- Would change the existing DPA 20 to a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA).
- The HCA would list individual properties affected.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Would need to seek public input.
- Are we prepared to do the work that would be required to finish this project?

- The cost of a Heritage Alteration Permit would be too high for many people and would need to be lowered for residential home owners.
- As it is now, new single family homes can be built that could ruin the heritage value of the neighbourhood.
- Education is the key to acceptance.
- Need to interpret reasonably and with reasonable fees.
- Perhaps the neighbourhood associations in the area would support it. We could contact them and give a presentation at one of their regular meetings.
- Work with property owners to keep them on side.
- Educate people about heritage and how to maintain value. An opportunity for NCHC to foster interest in heritage.
- Keep on the work plan but reverse the order of Phase I and Phase II.

#### Heritage Walk Brochure

C. Sholberg noted that:

- C. Meutzner has done a mock-up of a brochure for Harewood and will bring to the next meeting.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Could do a brochure for the Old City in 2007 with help from the neighbourhood.

#### Columns, Cornices and Coal 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

C. Sholberg asked if the Commission wishes to keep this item on the work plan.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Need to figure out what we want to achieve with this publication and how we can market it.
- Should print more and have them available to the public until the new one is finished.
- All the information is currently available on the web site.

The Commission decided to take this item off the work plan for now.

#### National Historic Site Status

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- There is still the issue of Newcastle Island being part of the First Nation land claim process. C. Sholberg will need to clarify.
- Also need to discuss with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The Commission agreed that D. Hill-Turner, with the assistance of B. Gard, will work on the Biological Station nomination and to defer Newcastle Island.

e) Name Tags for Commission Members

MOVED by D. Hill-Turner, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the Commission purchase name tags for all current members.

CARRIED

9. Committee Reports:

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

D. Hill-Turner advised that PNAC will be helping with the OCP 10 year review. Any heritage related issues will be brought to NCHC for review and comment.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson was not present at the meeting.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The AGM is being held on April 6, starting at 7:00 in the upstairs of the Nanaimo Library.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- Italian display opened on February 21 and runs until May 29. Lynn Bowen will be giving a lecture on Italian immigration Saturday, Apr 08, at 1:00.
- Coal mine bus tour on Sat., April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Ted Dandy historical writing contest running from Feb. – May
- Photo preservation work shop on April 22.

e) Design Advisory Panel

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

10. Late Items:

a) Free Press Building Plaque

C. Sholberg advised that in 2005 the Commission allocated \$250 towards the Free Press Building Plaque. The owner was going to contribute the balance of \$160.40. As the completion of the plaque has taken so long, C. Sholberg asked the Commission to cover the total cost of \$410.40.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the NCHC cover the total \$410.40 cost of the plaque.

CARRIED

b) Heritage Status of Trees on Museum Site

In response to a question from a Commission member, C. Sholberg advised that of the trees on the Nanaimo Museum site, only the monkey puzzle tree has heritage status.

Comments from the Commission:

- Very concerned that the City may decide to take down the trees to improve the sight line for the hotel. There are very few trees left in the downtown area.
- Would like a letter sent to the Cultural Commission from the NCHC asking that the trees be saved.

C. Sholberg will follow up on an e-mail he sent to R. Harding of the Parks Dept. asking if any plans have been produced for the Park redevelopment. C. Sholberg also noted that it is the City's intent to consult all stakeholders before any plans are finalized.

11. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2006-May-03

12. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Chair

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Date