

b) Cultural Capitals of Canada 2008 – Cultural Committee – November 24th
Brainstorming Session

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The Cultural Committee is looking for C. Sholberg or a member of the NCHC to participate.
- C. Sholberg will be attending the session. Any interested NCHC members are welcome to attend.
- As directed by the Commission, C. Sholberg will be submitting a letter of support for the Cultural Capital application to the Cultural Committee in the near future (when requested).

6. New Business

a) Foundry Proposal Evaluations (Rob Roycroft/C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg advised that he had received two e-mails after the Nov. 07 submission deadline. He read them to the Commission and noted that they were:

- S. Gregory who proposed the Foundry be used as a film location and/or studio
- A. Roehlig who proposed the Foundry be used for Tourism Nanaimo offices or a multi-arts and cultural centre.

Commission comment:

- The Foundry was looked at by the Nanaimo Film Commission but was rejected because of the cost involved in renovating it to suit their needs.

C. Sholberg asked for the Commissions comments on the public meeting held on Nov. 09. They made the following observations:

- The evening went very well and the attendance was good.
- Happy with the presentations that were made.
- Showed that the community values the Foundry.
- All presentations were good ideas for sharing and cooperation.

In answer to a question from the Commission, C. Sholberg advised that a specific evaluation of the need for seismic upgrade was done by RJC Structural Engineers and the cost would be approximately \$200,000. The building would also need new roofing, siding repair and electrical upgrade. Upgrades required will depend on the end use (estimated cost range \$350,000 to \$1 million).

i. review evaluation criteria

C. Sholberg gave a brief overview of the criteria chart.

Comments from the Commission:

- Criteria could be expanded so that proposals could be further refined.
- Preservation value could be expanded to give proponents idea of what we are looking for.
- Should cover whether City or proponent will own the building.
- Community benefit – proposals should show that the benefit will be to the whole community and not just a tourist destination.

- Feel some of the criteria are more important than others.
- ii. review ranking chart
- iii. rank proposals
 - A) Wood Product Display & Sales Facility (John Shafi)
 - B) Foundry & Artisan Workshop (Fred Apstein, Norm Boulet, Glen Nelson)
 - C) Performance Space (Roger Kemble, Frank Murphy)
 - D) Industrial Museum, Working Foundry and/or Community Hall/Gallery (Dan Appell)
 - E) Industrial Museum & Interpretive Centre (Friends of Morden Mine)
 - F) Exhibition Space (Louise Wilson)
 - G) Multi-purpose Art & Culture Centre (Sue Oakley)

Comments from the Commission:

- Do not want proposal that calls for the demolition and rebuilding of the building.
- Proponents of F and G should be encouraged to work with one of the short listed groups as their proposals have strong value.
- Proponents of A and B should get in touch with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to get their input.
- Proponents of E could perhaps use the outside space for a display.
- Would like to see a display with a pre-contact component about the First Nations village incorporated into the final proposal.
- Make sure First Nations is included in the process.
- Feel D is the strongest – fix up the building first and then decide what the use should be.
- Like the idea of a working foundry with viewing galleries.
- D could be the umbrella and work with A and B.
- A and B have a lot of community benefit components.
- Would like to see a long-term lease and not sell the building.
- Perhaps give the proponents more time to finalize their proposals.
- Do not think it should be a museum but rather a multi-purpose facility.
- From an engineering point of view, biggest problems would be with a performance centre.

C. Sholberg added that

- C. Meutzner advised him that she ranks A, B, and D as the strongest, most viable proposals.
- Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is waiting to see which proposal goes forward before giving their input.

MOVED by B. Gard, SECONDED by D. Hill-Turner, that the proposals in the following order:

- Dan Appell (industrial museum, working foundry and/or community hall and gallery)
- John Shafi (wood product display and sales facility); and
- Fred Apstein, Norm Boulet and Glen Nelson (foundry and artisan workshop), be short listed as the preferred options for future use of the Nanaimo Foundry and

be so recommended to Council. Other proponents who submitted proposals be thanked for their input and encouraged to continue to work for the future preservation of the Nanaimo Foundry.

CARRIED

iv. generate final ranking chart for presentation at Nov. 30 Roundtable Session

Comments from the Commission:

- Think the proponents should be advised of concerns regarding the building before submitting their final proposals.
- Would like more history about the proponents in the revised proposals.

In response to questions from the Commission, C. Sholberg advised that

- An interim report will be going to Council in December or early January 2006 with the final report in March 2006.
- Will draft up new criteria for the second phase of proposals using the Commission's comments from this meeting.
- Will personally call the proponents of unsuccessful proposals to advise them of the Commissions recommendations.

b) HSBC Conference in Nanaimo (Request for Funding Assistance - \$2,000-\$5,000)

C. Sholberg noted that:

- Nanaimo is hosting the B.C. Conference for 2006.
- HSBC will be doing most of the work with the NCHC perhaps providing a tour or presentation.

The Commission agreed that would like to have the request in writing as to what the funds would be used for but also that they felt it more appropriate that the City be approached for the funds first.

7. Old Business

a) Mobile Display Case Possibilities (C. Sholberg)

C. Sholberg distributed copies of display case pictures. He noted that:

- A new display case was suggested for this years budget.
- The best models are \$4000.

The Commission suggested that because of the cost, other City departments be approached about sharing the cost of a new display unit before making a decision to purchase.

8. Committee Reports

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- Meeting was held on Nov. 15 and that there are no external applications for this round of amendments.
- The City is working on a neighbourhood plan with the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association. There could be some work on the archeological sites involved.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson was not present.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner was not present.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- Gearing up for the Christmas display which will begin the last week of November.
- Madill exhibit runs until December 23.
- Trying new public programs. The first one is on Saturday, Nov. 19 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Living Forest Camp Ground. It will be an historical tour of the Nanaimo River Estuary.

e) Design Advisory Panel

J. Hofman advised that they have looked at a number of building plans but none that are heritage related.

9. Late Items:

K. MacDonald advised the Commission that the Parks Department will be looking for feedback from the NCHC on the following projects:

Pioneer Cemetery:

- Circulated the first draft of a landscape plan
- There will be an opportunity for several interpretive plaques at the site.

Colliery Dam Park:

- Parks is doing an upgrade of the park and there will be opportunities for interpretive signs or plaques perhaps showing the heritage significance of the dam.

In response to questions from the Commission, K. MacDonald advised that

- Do not have a contingency plan in place for grave disturbance but will suggest it.
- Every effort will be made to avoid any impact on graves. A meeting is going to be set up for the end of November and interested groups will be invited. The NCHC members are welcome to attend.
- Stone walls will not be impacted.
- A shelter was looked at but it would impact some of the graves as well as possible problems caused by transients using it.
- Plants will be shallow plantings or mounded.

- Landscaping will be pedestrian scale.
- More people are using the site now that the large trees have been removed and it looks more inviting.
- Will be working with C. Meutzner on this project.

10. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2005-Dec-14 at the Dorchester Hotel

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date