CITY OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2005-SEPT-07 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN ST.

Present: Bill Gard John Nimmo

Christine Meutzner John Hofman Councillor Loyd Sherry Colleen Parsley

Staff:

Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner Fran Grant, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Geraldine Manson David Hill-Turner

Others: Charlene Riches

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Hofman at 5:08 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes:

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by J. Nimmo, that the minutes of 2005-Jul-06 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Matter arising from the Minutes:

 Regarding number 8 a) B. Gard wanted to clarify that he would not make a statement as a representative of the NCHC without the Commission's permission.

3. Budget Review:

C. Sholberg gave a brief update on the budget as follows:

Previous balance	\$8,729.00
Heritage Brochures	2,000.00
Current Balance	\$6,729.00
Committed - Paint Out	500.00

4. Correspondence/Periodicals/Newsletters

- a) Letter from Canadian Pacific Railway re: E&N Railway Station
 - C. Sholberg noted that:
 - Because the Station is on the Federal Heritage Register, the transfer of ownership has to go through a specific process.
 - C. Sholberg has talked to Jack Peak of the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) to see if he would be interested in speaking to the Commission about plans for the Station.

Comments from the Commission:

- Have J. Peak give a presentation after the municipal election and the new Commission is appointed as long as there are no major changes planned before that time.
- Send a letter to the ICF to say that the transfer of ownership letter has been received and that the City would like to be involved in any discussion about changes to the building.
- b) Email from Bill Gard re: Port Erin Marine Laboratory
 - C. Sholberg circulated copies for information.
- c) Nanaimo Arts Council Newsletter
 - C. Sholberg circulated copies for information.
- d) Heritage Society of B.C. re: President's Report
 - C. Sholberg circulated copies for information.
- e) Heritage Society of B.C. Newsletter
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5. New Business

- a) Heritage Paint-Out (Sept. 17) status update
 - C. Sholberg advised that:
 - Art Council is co-sponsoring with NCHC.
 - Is being held on the same day as the Adventure Games.
 - A photograph category has been added as a new event this year.
 - C. Sholberg will be attending with the NCHC's display. Would like some help with manning the display which will be set up from 10:00 to 4:00.
- b) Heritage Home Tour request for sponsorship (\$500)
 - C. Sholberg distributed copies of the letter from the Archives requesting funding for the Heritage Home Tour.
 - C. Meutzner circulated copies of the Tour brochure and pointed out the NCHC's logo and blurb. She also noted that:
 - Cost to attend is \$20.
 - Had an excellent response from homeowners willing to open their homes for the tour.
 Actually had more homes than could be accommodated on the tour.
 - Articles have been in the newspapers.

MOVED by C. Parsley, SECONDED by B. Gard, that NCHC contributed \$500 towards the Heritage Home Tours event.

CARRIED

c) Kemble Email:

- C. Sholberg read the e-mail from R. Kemble and noted that:
- R. Kemble would like to present his ideas for the use of the Foundry, E&N Station and other sites to the Commission.
- R. Kemble will be presenting his ideas at the public forums being held for the Foundry.

Comments from the Commission:

- Ask R. Kemble if his presentation to NCHC would be different from what he is going to be giving to Council and at the Foundry public process.
- Process has been developed by the City for a public consultation process. May be better to have people come in after the process has been completed.
- d) Cultural Capitals of Canada 2007 application:
 - C. Sholberg suggested and the Commission agreed that the letter sent previously to Cultural Capitals be resubmitted again for the 2007 application.
- e) Foundry Adaptive Reuse Consultation Process review report
 - C. Sholberg gave an over view of the report and noted that:
 - The report has gone to the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee and will be going to Council on 2005-Sept-12 for endorsement.
 - A. Tucker and C. Sholberg will be the staff support with the NCHC having a strong role in the process.
 - Facilitator will be hired for the public round table sessions.
 - Have to come up with a proposal that is real and doable before presenting it to Council.
 - Any interested members of the public will be welcome to participate in the process.
 - Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, HCHC and Community Planning will be working together.
 - Hope that members of the Commission will be able to attend as many of the round table sessions as they can.
 - Will be bringing in speakers from other communities that have successfully re-used industrial buildings or sites.
 - Most of the work for the NCHC will come in the new year, after the election.

Comments from the Commission:

- John Stuart is an expert in this field and could be invited to speak.
- Need to define the expectation of the public on the outcome of this process.
- This will be a good process with the NCHC and public involved.
- General discussion ensued about how the roundtable sessions were organized. General consensus that staff approach outlined in draft report ok.
- f) Heritage Commission Terms of Reference review

Deferred to next meeting.

- g) Standard and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada summary formal adoption recommendation
 - C. Meutzner circulated a copy of the Standards and Guidelines and noted that:
 - These are the standards that federal grants are based on.
 - So far there is no formal recognition of these standards by City Council.
 - This document could be part of an orientation package for new members of NCHC.
 - C. Sholberg noted that he uses this document in his work as a guide.

No formal recommendation made to Council by Commission to adopt Standards and Guidelines.

6. Old Business

- a) Nominations for National Historic Site Status Application Status
 - C. Sholberg advised that he and C. Meutzner have been discussing moving these applications along. He also noted that:
 - New application forms have been created over the past few months by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board and they are a lot more complex than the old ones, and require a great deal more background information.
 - Will talk to G. Borden, representative of the Board, to see if the new forms have to be used, or can the City use the older, simpler forms.
- b) Next Heritage Walk Brochure Millstone NALT partnership?

Deferred to the next meeting.

- c) Heritage Art Collection status
 - C. Sholberg noted that:
 - In answer to the Commission's question at the last meeting, C. Sholberg reviewed with senior staff question about appropriateness for Commission to acquire art produced at paint-out events on behalf of the City. General consensus was that this was the Commission's decision to make, subject to its budget.
 - There are four or five pieces in the collection already.

Comments from the Commission:

- The Commission should review Paint-Out award winners every year and buy one if a
 majority of the Commission agrees and the price is right. The Commission would not
 be obligated to do this but would only act on a member motion.
- Some members felt that art acquisition not really in the Commission's mandate.
- Energy and resources should instead be put into other initiatives such as the home grant program.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee
 - C. Sholberg read email from David Hill-Turner noting that PNAC did not meet in the summer and their next scheduled meeting is 2005-Sept-20.
- b) Snuneymuxw First Nation
 - G. Manson was not present.
- c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society
 - C. Meutzner noted that:
 - Heritage House Tour is being held on Saturday, 2005-Sep-24.
 - Have in interesting fund raising event in the spring but not letting any details out yet.
 - Will be requesting an increase in funding from the City.
 - May have to cut back hours if enough funding is not secured.
- d) Nanaimo District and Museum
 - D. Hill-Turner, in an e-mail, noted that:
 - Whistle Farm exhibit has been extended to Dec. 23.
 - Have new exhibits that reflect on Nanaimo's forest and retail histories.
 - Next exhibit opening in October is 'Madill Equipment: Coming up with Something Better'
 - The overarching project is planning the move to the new facility at the convention centre. This will be an exceptional opportunity to review our community's history with the intent of developing new exhibits and programs that will engage and educate residents and visitors. Draft storylines are scheduled to be completed this fall.
- e) Design Advisory Panel
 - J. Hofman advised that there have been a number of DAP meetings but no heritage related issues.

8. Late Items:

- a) Building Security:
 - C. Sholberg advised that with increased security in City Hall and the Annex, doors may be locked if Commission members arrive late at meetings but access can be gained by ringing the buzzer.
 - b) Heritage Nominations:
 - C. Sholberg distributed copies of the nominations and documentation and noted that:
 - Need to short list the applications which may take more time than is available at this meeting.
 - Have three public applications.
 - Will bring more evaluation information to the next meeting. C. Meutzner will do some of these.

• Could do a bus tour of the sites.

Comments from the Commission:

- Think the bus tour is a good idea.
- Put this item on the next agenda for further discussion.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2005-Oct-05

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:	
Chair	
Date	

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