

**CITY OF NANAIMO**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2005-FEB-02 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
**IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET**

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**Present:** John Hofman  
Bill Gard  
Christine Meutzner

Colleen Parsley  
Joan Perry, Chair  
John Nimmo

Staff:

Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner  
Fran Grant, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Jeff Thomas  
Laurie Waldie  
David Hill-Turner

Councillor Loyd Sherry  
Geraldine Manson

**Observers:** Jane Seymour, Friends of Plan Nanaimo  
Barbara Rivers, Friends of Plan Nanaimo

**1. Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Perry at 5:05 p.m.

C. Sholberg introduced the observers.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of 2005-Jan-12:**

MOVED by C. Parsley to add the following to the minutes of 2005-Jan-12:  
"MOVED by C. Parsley, SECONDED by J. Thomas, that the Commission contributed a maximum of \$250 towards an event for Black History Month if a more detailed budget is available at the February meeting."

The Motion failed due to the lack of a Seconder.

MOVED by J. Hofman, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the minutes of 2005-Jan-12 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED (1 opposed)

**3. Budget Review (\$8,850.00 – working)**

C. Sholberg noted the following committed funds:

- \$300 for the Heritage Summit
- \$250 for the Stark Family Heritage plaque

2005 Budget	\$9,400
Heritage Summit	\$300
Heritage plaque	\$250
Remaining	<u>\$8850</u>

4. **Late Items**

- Heritage Rehabilitation Award (C. Sholberg)

5. **Correspondence/Periodicals/Newsletters**

- a) Black History Month (Outline and Budget) – request for \$1,500

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The Black Heritage Society (BHS) had asked that the amount of funds requested from the Commission be increased to \$1500 from \$250 to sponsor an event during Black History Month.
- BHS has said that the writer that NCHC had been asked to sponsor at the February meeting has no longer able to attend.
- Had talked to senior staff and was told that if a grant of this type had been given out before, that would set a precedent and would be within the NCHC's mandate.
- BHS is too late to request funds from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Comments from the Commission:

- \$1500 is too much out of a total budget of \$3300.
- The budget is pretty vague.
- Is it an appropriate event for the NCHC? Seems more like a cultural event.
- Would need to know that there is a local heritage focus in any event the NCHC might sponsor.
- The event is aimed at bringing young people in to heritage which is important.
- Seems more of a Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission type of event.
- Would like to raise awareness of heritage but there is not enough information in the budget as presented.
- Black heritage is disenfranchised so it is important to support them.
- Do not see a reason to do this as it would open the door to many other similar groups and it isn't really in the Commission's context.
- Do not want to set precedent.
- Perhaps look at again next year if there is more information available.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by C. Parsley, that the Commission give \$250 to the BHS contingent on there being a local or regional heritage component in the talk or reading.

DEFEATED

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by J. Hofman, that the Commission is not prepared to sponsor an event at this time but would like to invite them to the Heritage Summit.

CARRIED

- b) Nanaimo Historical Society Newsletter

C. Sholberg circulated copies for information.

c) Archaeological Society Letter to Chinese Cultural Society re: old Chinatown site

C. Sholberg circulated copies for information.

d) Spring Break Festival:

C. Sholberg noted that a letter of support has been sent to the Spring Break Festival organization for their provincial funding application.

## 6. **New Business**

No new business.

## 7. **Old Business**

a) Nominations for National Historic Site Status – Application Status

- J. Perry noted that a draft form has been given to C. Sholberg for the Biological Station application.
- C. Sholberg indicated that he will work with C. Parsley and G. Manson on their application for Newcastle.
- C. Parsley noted that there has been extensive research done on Newcastle by Lorraine Littleford that may be usefull for this application.

b) Heritage Summit –Feb –23 – status

C. Sholberg advised that:

- The Summit is being held at St. Paul's Church and hall.
- C. Meutzner has graciously agreed to give a presentation on church history.
- The presentation will be given in the church sanctuary.
- The meeting will then move to the hall for round table discussion.
- The invitation went out on Wednesday, Feb. 02.
- The event is also open to the public and will be advertised in the newspaper.
- C. Sholberg will facilitate the event unless another member of the Commission is interested.

C. Meutzner noted that she waiting to hear from J. Thomas as to whether the First Nations would be interested in doing a presentation at the Summit.

c) Chinatown Heritage Conservation Area – letter to property owners – meeting between Archaeological Society and owners

C. Parsley noted that:

- Research has been done in this area by Daphne Patterson which contains information on the types of building and names of stores and restaurants.
- This information is contained in a map which could be overlaid onto current maps to see the location of the important properties.
- D. Patterson also narrowed down which areas need more research.

- C. Sholberg asked that a copy of the map be forwarded to him.

d) Next Heritage Walk Brochure – status

L. Waldie was not present at the meeting.

e) Heritage Art Collection – draft policy – status

J. Perry gave a brief overview of the discussion paper distributed in the agenda package.

The Commission agreed to review the paper and discuss it further at the next meeting.

f) Miners' Memorial – status

B. Gard and C. Sholberg noted that after the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission (PRCC) meeting they attended:

- Came away with the impression that the PRCC is not looking at a 3D piece.
- Want the artist to create the piece at the site as a tourist attraction.
- There is now a question about funding so staff are looking for alternate sources.
- No clear idea of what form the memorial would take. There is some discussion about a mosaic.
- Also some talk of an abstract memorial.
- Will try to make a point at the next meeting (Feb. 03) that the parameters are getting too restrictive and more creative room should be left to the artist.

Comments from NCHC:

- The artist should draft the concept, not the bureaucrats.
- Envisioned that the memorial would be something that the public would relate to mining right away.

g) Columns, Cornices and Coal – new edition or something else?

C. Sholberg and C. Meutzner notes that:

- The final SOS are now being completed.
- C. Meutzner is down to the final four statements which are the most difficult because the heritage value is difficult to ascertain.
- They should be completed by next week.
- Provincial deadline is March 15, 2005.
- Will have 100 SOS in total.

Comments from the Commission:

- Perhaps the four properties that have little heritage value should be brought back to the Commission to see if they need to be removed from the Register.
- A review of the Register should be included in the Commission's work plan each year.
- Need to also keep track of the condition of the buildings on the Register. Some are in very poor condition.

## 8. Committee Reports

### a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

J. Perry noted that:

- The last meetings dealt with OCP amendment applications and there was nothing of a heritage nature.
- All proposed amendment for moving properties inside the UCB and external applications were approved by the Committee.

### b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson was not present at the meeting.

### c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner advised that:

- The Board met last week to discuss a possible funding crisis. Malaspina University-College may drop their support of the Archives.
- Will restructure the constitution and change the way the Archives functions.
- May have to close down for now as there is no provincial funding available.
- City's contribution will increase but not enough to cover the funding cut from MalU.
- Do give a lot of good service to MalU and the students.
- Do charge for research but now a days, people expect information via e-mail which doesn't generate any funds.
- The final decision will be made by April 23.

### d) Nanaimo District and Museum

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

### e) Design Advisory Panel (DAP)

J. Hofman noted that:

- Three meetings being held regarding the New Nanaimo Centre.
  - The City is drafting up a set of design guidelines some of which are related to heritage.
  - Main issue for DAP is that the street front of the new building should be two stories with the higher section set back from there.
  - Want the façade to use heritage materials such as brick (e.g. Credit Union Building)
  - Architectural treatment on all sides of the building so there are no blank walls.
  - Design Guidelines will be used to scrutinize the plans.
  - Public meeting being held on Thursday, Feb. 03 at the Port Theatre from 7-10 p.m. and the NCHC is invited to attend.

In answer to a question from one of the guests, C. Sholberg noted that:

- The NNC design guidelines are a reference document with the final decision resting with Council.

- These guidelines are consistent with the downtown guidelines currently in place and are a supplement to them.
- The Downtown Design Guidelines are currently being updated.

**9. Late Items**

- a) C. Sholberg circulated pictures of the three candidates (Painted Turtle, Earl Block and Hall Block) and noted that:
- These are projects that received façade grant assistance.
  - Does not know of any nominations that have been received from buildings that didn't receive a Heritage Alteration Permit.
- b) Friends of Morden Mines - J. Hofman noted that:
- Has received a grant from the provincial government to have an engineering assessment done on the condition of the structure.
  - This site needs to be preserved as it is the only one left in the province.
  - The Historical Society and other sponsors have also contributed.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 02, 2005

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Chair

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