

CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2004-DEC-08, AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE DORCHESTER HOTEL DINING ROOM

Present: David Hill-Turner
Christine Meutzner
Geraldine Manson
Bill Gard

John Hofman
Colleen Parsley
Joan Perry, Chair
Jeff Thomas

Staff:

Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner
Fran Grant, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor Loyd Sherry
Laurie Waldie

John Nimmo

Guest: John Gardiner, Nanaimo Arts Council

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair B. Gard at 5:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes of 2004-Nov-03:

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by D. Hill-Turner, that the minutes of 2004-Nov-03 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Budget Review:

C. Sholberg noted that there is \$2300 in the budget of uncommitted funds.

4. Late Items

No late items.

5. Correspondence/Periodicals/Newsletters

a) Parks Canada's newly published "Standard and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada"

C. Sholberg circulated the Guidelines binder for information.

b) Heritage Society of B.C. letter re: Heritage Week 2005

C. Sholberg noted that:

- Heritage week is Feb 21 to Feb 27, 2005 and displayed the poster.

- This years theme is “Heritage of Faith”
- The Commission could use the theme for their Heritage Summit.
- There are six churches on the Nanaimo Heritage Register

c) Heritage B.C. Newsletter

C. Sholberg circulated copies for information.

d) Nanaimo Arts Council Newsletter

C. Sholberg circulated copies for information.

6. New Business

a) Painting donated by Nanaimo Arts Council

C. Sholberg introduced John Gardiner, Arts Council Executive Director who formally donated a painting by Jolyan Brown from the 2004 Paint Out to the Heritage Commission and City.

Commission members commented that:

- Thanked J. Gardiner and the Arts Council for the donation.
- The painting should be displayed in a public space with a plaque noting the donation.
- Should do a press release with a photo.
- C. Sholberg will follow up on a these recommendations.

b) New Print Run for Newcastle and Southend Heritage Walk Brochures (\$2,000 will print 2,000+ copies).

C. Sholberg requested that:

- The Commission consider printing more Newcastle and Southend Walk Brochures.
- The original run of 4000 copies have almost all been distributed and there are not many left.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by J. Perry, that the Commission use \$2000 of their 2004 budget to print Newcastle and Southend Walk Brochures.

CARRIED

7. Old Business

a) Nominations for National Historic Site Status – report Status

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The report is going to Council on Dec. 13.
- Will be starting work on applications in the new year.
- Support letter from First Nations was attached to the report to Council and will also go with the applications.

b) Update of City's Heritage Register – report status

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The report is going to Council on Dec. 13.
- The first step will be to have the City's web site corrected.
- Have done 22 Statements of Significance so far with more to be done in the new year.

c) Heritage Home Grant Program – report status

C. Sholberg noted that:

- Senior management is in support of the program but want to hold the report until June of 2005 so that it can go forward for the 2006 budget.
- Hope to have the program in place in 2006.
- The Commission will have a leading role in the program.

d) Heritage Summit Feb –16: summit format?

C. Sholberg noted that:

- As Heritage Week is Feb 21 to Feb 27, 2005, we need to change the date of the Heritage Summit to Feb. 23.
- Asked for any ideas for additional events for heritage week.

General comments from the Commission:

- Tie in to the Heritage Week theme “Heritage of Faith” with presentations and church open houses.
- D. Hill-Turner is hosting a book launch and lecture on geological events in Nanaimo.
- J. Thomas will talk to G. Manson about doing something on the First Nations spiritual process.
- Hold an afternoon event at the churches on Saturday (Feb. 26) or Sunday (Feb. 27).
- Have a tour at the Tillicum House church on Haliburton? J. Thomas will contact.

C. Sholberg will bring a draft schedule outline to the January meeting.

e) Chinatown Heritage Conservation Area

C. Sholberg noted that:

- A letter will be sent to property owners.
- A multi-family proposal has been submitted to the City for this site.
- The Development Permit has not been issued but it could be issued at any time.
- There are a lot of technical problems that need to be addressed before any development can occur.
- It is hoped that the property owners will be interested in recognizing the heritage value of the area.

C. Parsley noted that the Archeological Society is drafting a letter to the Chinese Cultural Society about this issue.

f) Next Heritage Walk Brochure – status (L. Waldie)

Put over to the next meeting as L. Waldie was not in attendance.

g) Heritage Art Collection – should City have one?

C. Sholberg indicated that:

- The Commission currently has three items in the collection.
- It is a question of budget availability more than anything else.
- Is it beyond the Commission's mandate?
- Perhaps send a report to Council to advise them that the Commission is interested in acquiring heritage theme paintings.
- Set aside an amount (approx. \$500) each year for a purchase.

J. Perry will draft a procedure to formalize the process and bring for discussion at the January meeting.

h) Miners' Memorial – status

C. Sholberg noted that there was nothing new to report.

8. Committee Reports

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

J. Perry noted that she was not able to attend the last meeting.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson was not present at the meeting.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner advised that:

- The Archives has been very busy with over 100 people looking for material. Most of these requests were due to the interest in the New Nanaimo Centre referendum.
- A lot of research is being done on the Foundry site.
- Do not have enough funds in the budget to serve this many people.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- The program for the Museum has been set until 2007.
- Current display is "Whistle Farm in the Spring"
- A Francophone display will be running for the last week of February and the first week of March.
- Looking for sounds of Nanaimo's history e.g. trains, light house, mine whistles etc.

- The proposed new Museum as part of the New Nanaimo Centre will allow the displays to be on one floor which will greatly improve accessibility.

e) Design Advisory Panel

J. Hofman had no heritage issues to report from the last meeting.

9. Late Item:

a) Nanaimo Public School Demolition:

C. Sholberg advised that:

- He was not advised of the demolition of the school until after it had happened.
- This was one of the oldest schools in B.C.
- There was a breakdown in communication between City departments on this issue.
- Will be conducting an information session with the Building Dept. staff next week to make sure that this does not happen again.
- There was no opportunity to document the site before it was demolished.
- There are currently three non-registered City owned properties that are going for demolition.
- Historical documentation will be done on all of them, just in case. Pictures will be taken and a file kept on each property.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2005-Jan-12 in the Training Room

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date

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