

CITY OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE
COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2003-OCT-01, AT 5:00 P.M.
IN MINER'S COTTAGE AT 1904 JINGLE POT ROAD, NANAIMO, BC**

PRESENT: Christine Meutzner, Chair
Councillor Loyd Sherry
Joan Perry
Bill Gard
John Hofman
David Hill-Turner
Colleen Parsley (5:20 p.m.)

REGRETS John Nimmo

ABSENT: Geraldine Manson, Mary Durdle

STAFF: Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner
Holly Pirozzini, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by D. Hill-Turner, that the minutes of the meeting held on 2003-Sep-03, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET REVIEW

C. Sholberg reported that the current budget will be amended to deduct hospitality costs for food at Heritage Commission meetings throughout the year. An accurate budget figure will be provided at the next regular meeting.

4. LATE ITEMS

None.

C. Parsley arrived at the meeting.

5. DELEGATION

Mr. Gerry Borden, Commemorations Officer, Parks Canada, gave a one-hour presentation. He reviewed the National Historic Sites of Canada program and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada's composition, duties, procedures, criteria, achievements, and contact information. Mr. Borden featured several significant historic sites in British Columbia in a powerpoint presentation. He also provided a speech by Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, regarding the National Historic Sites of Canada System Plan which is committed to recognize historic achievements of Canada's Aboriginal peoples, women and ethnocultural communities. Mr. Borden concluded with a film on National Historic Sites in Canada.

The Commission requested Mr. Borden's opinion on which of the three local candidates (1912 Miners Strike, Newcastle Island, Pacific Biological Station) would have the most success if it were nominated for Persons, Places and Events of National Significance. A discussion on each candidate followed. Mr. Borden pointed out the pros and cons of each candidate and he suggested that only one candidate be submitted. The consensus of the Commission was to discuss this issue at the next meeting and make a decision at that time on one candidate.

The Commission thanked Mr. Borden for his presentation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

- (a) Nanaimo District Museum Newsletter
- (b) Nanaimo Historical Society Newsletter

Items (a) and (b) were for information only.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- (a) Heritage House Tour – C. Meutzner reported that the event held on Saturday, 2003-Sep-20, was successful. The Miner's Cottage was highlighted by hosting a tea and displaying heritage information inside. She remarked that next year's Heritage House Tour may include a fair. C. Sholberg thanked C. Meutzner for organizing this event.
- (b) Pipers Lagoon/Shack Island Paint-Out – C. Sholberg reported that 50 to 100 people attended this event on Saturday, 2003-Sep-13, which focused on northend heritage.

- (c) Bastion Street Lighting Upgrade – C. Sholberg advised that the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership (DNP) has requested the Heritage Commission's review of a proposed heritage light standard for Bastion Street, as an alternative to the previously considered "marine" standard.

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by B. Gard, to advise the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership that the heritage lamp standard for the Bastion Street corridor has the Heritage Commission's vote of approval.

CARRIED

It was noted that the old lamp standard in Dallas Square does not function as a light. C. Sholberg advised that he would contact the Public Works Department to find out whether the lamp is connected to gas, or even supposed to be an operating light.

- (a) Newcastle/Townsite Heritage Walk Brochure – C. Sholberg distributed copies of the newly completed brochure. It was the consensus of the Commission to walk the Newcastle/Townsite route together as a group on Saturday, 2003-Oct-25 at 1:30 p.m. C. Sholberg stated that he would prepare a memo to Council and a press release to launch the brochure and invite members of the public to walk the route with the Commission. It was also suggested that the owners of properties featured in the brochure be mailed a brochure and invited to participate in the walk. C. Meutzner advised that she would provide a narrative during the walk. The Commission thanked C. Meutzner and J. Perry for their work on this project.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – J. Perry reported that this Committee did not meet in August or September.

- (b) Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) – G. Manson was absent from the meeting.

L. Sherry left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

- (c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society – C. Meutzner reported that the Society has been assisting numerous students with research projects on the history of Vancouver Island.

- (d) Nanaimo District and Museum – D. Hill-Turner reported the following:
- The "Raising Shell" aquaculture exhibit is continuing until the end of November, and "Family Shellfish Day" is proclaimed Oct. 25.
 - The Rendezvous "garage sale" of miscellaneous items will be held this weekend – Sat., Oct. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
 - The redevelopment of the second floor of the Museum will begin on Nov. 01.
 - The locomotive shelter is in progress and the sheeting for the roof will go on tomorrow, Oct. 02.

- (d) Design Advisory Panel – C. Meutzner reported that the Manfred Purtzki building on Victoria Crescent is getting an addition which seems in keeping with the current design.

- (e) Archaeological Society - C. Parsley reported that the Archaeological Society may be looking at becoming a Federation instead of a Society, which will allow for more freedom locally for preservation efforts because the group is more activist than conservative.

9. **LATE ITEMS:**

Mr. Borden announced that the BC Museum Association Conference will be held in Nanaimo in mid-October, 2004.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2003-Nov-05, at 5:00 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by D. Hill-Turner, SECONDED by J. Perry that the meeting adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date