

CITY OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE
COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2003-SEP-03, AT 5:00 P.M.
IN MINER'S COTTAGE AT 1904 JINGLE POT ROAD, NANAIMO, BC

PRESENT: Christine Meutzner, Chair John Hofman
John Nimmo David Hill-Turner
Joan Perry

REGRETS Mary Durdle, Bill Gard, Colleen Parsley

ABSENT: Geraldine Manson, Councillor Loyd Sherry

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. Hofman, SECONDED by J. Perry, that the minutes of the meeting held on 2003-Jun-04, be adopted with the amendment on page 2 replacing "Helen Hunt" with "Helen Hunter".

CARRIED

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by D. Hill-Turner, that the minutes of the meeting held on 2003-Jul-02, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. **BUDGET REVIEW**

C. Sholberg reported that the current budget is \$1,099.80.

4. **LATE ITEMS**

C. Sholberg and C. Meutzner stated that they would have late items to discuss at the end of the regular agenda.

5. DELEGATION

Mr. John Gardiner, Nanaimo Arts Council, distributed posters regarding the upcoming Shack Island Paint-Out event to be held on 2003-Sep-13. He added that he is newly employed by the Arts Council (within the past few months), and that this is his first large event. He stated that the Museum has donated a \$100 prize package, and that he is hoping that Thrifty Foods and Canadian Tire will donate the use of tents. Mr. Gardiner stated that he was aware of the Heritage Commission's past financial support of this event and he requested a cash donation of \$500 to be used as prize money. Mr. Gardiner left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

J. Hofman abstained from discussing this issue as he may be participating in this event.

MOVED by J. Nimmo, SECONDED by J. Perry, that the Heritage Commission contribute \$500 to the Piper's Lagoon (Shack Island) Paint-Out event.

CARRIED

MOVED by J. Perry, SECONDED by J. Nimmo, that for any future funding requests there be discussions with the Heritage Commission no later than the February meeting and that venues and themes be mutually agreed on.

CARRIED

C. Sholberg stated that he will advise Mr. Gardiner of the Commission's contribution and suggest that he contact the Downtown Art Gallery, Piper's Pub, Hammond Bay Neighbourhood Association, and Three-Point Motors to also request funding. Several Commission Members volunteered to attend the event (9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and be available to answer heritage-related questions from the public.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

- (a) Heritage BC Newsletter
- (b) Nanaimo Arts Council Newsletter
- (c) Museum Newsletter

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

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Bastion Street Lighting Upgrade – C. Sholberg displayed mock-up photographs of Bastion Street with the proposed street lighting upgrade in place. He advised that the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership (DNP) has requested the Heritage Commission's support of the proposed light standards for Bastion Street.

The consensus of the Commission was that the proposed light standards are acceptable.

C. Sholberg advised that heritage light standards would be proposed in future for strategic areas in the downtown.

- (a) Use of Downtown Heritage Walk Brochure in book by Goodi Niosi – C. Sholberg advised that Goodi Niosi, author, has requested to use the Downtown Heritage Walk brochure in her new book entitled, “Diamond in the Rough”.

The consensus of the Commission was to request the author to:

1. Include a note that the brochure is provided with the permission of the Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission.
2. Include a reference to another book about Nanaimo’s history entitled, “Columns, Cornices and Coal”.

The above issue led to a lengthy discussion regarding the upcoming Heritage Summit scheduled for 2003-Nov-27.

The consensus of the Commission was to:

- ◆ limit the speakers from various community groups to 5 minutes each;
- ◆ include presentations and book launches by two authors;
- ◆ ensure that the primary focus is the dialogue of the community groups; and
- ◆ possibly change the order of the Summit agenda for the speakers to go first, followed by the authors’ book launches, and then informal networking and book signing.

C. Sholberg advised that he would investigate alternative venues and that details for the Heritage Summit agenda will be discussed at a future meeting.

- (c) Then and Now Heritage Calendar for 2005 – C. Sholberg advised that Cam Scott, City Webmaster, inquired whether the Commission would like his assistance to create a “Then and Now Heritage Calendar” for 2005. C. Sholberg added that this project would require a financial commitment for publishing the calendar.

The Commission expressed concern that a calendar has a one-year shelf life. The consensus was to focus the Commission’s time and budget on a reprint of the 2nd edition of the “Columns, Cornices and Coal” book.

- (d) Heritage House Tour – C. Meutzner advised that the tour is scheduled from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 2003-Sep-20, at \$20/ticket (includes a tea). The tea will be held outside at the Miner’s Cottage with heritage information and displays inside. She added that it is hoped that an artist will sketch each heritage house on the tour and present it to the homeowner. Several Heritage Commission Members volunteered to be present throughout the day to support this event.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- (a) Haslam Hall Plaque (15 Wallace Street) - C. Meutzner read a letter of thanks from the Haslam family for completion of this project and she commented that a precedent has now been set for future cost-sharing projects.

- (b) Newcastle Heritage Walk Brochure – C. Sholberg displayed a draft of the Newcastle Heritage Walk brochure which will be available for distribution in mid-October.
- (c) Virtual Heritage Walk Update – C. Sholberg advised that a major upgrade to the City's Virtual Heritage Walk site is nearing completion. He invited Commission Members to watch the 2003-Sep-15 regular Council meeting where he will be making a presentation to Council, demonstrating the upgraded site. C. Meutzner stated that Nanaimo is a forerunner in the use of 360° virtual tour technology. She thanked C. Sholberg for overseeing this project to its completion.
- (d) Free Press Building Awning/Signage – C. Sholberg reported that this issue was discussed at the Design Advisory Panel meeting held on 2003-Jun-26. The Panel approved the Heritage Alteration Permit (HAP00007), as presented, with modification to the entry awning, and conditional on approval of the sign variances.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – J. Perry reported that she didn't attend the PNAC meeting on 2003-Jul-24, however, Official Community Plan amendments were proposed for two properties (Jefferies and Catrall) to be brought into Nanaimo by moving the Urban Containment Boundary. Also, the Provincial Liquor Store at 25 Cavan Street will be brought into the Downtown Heritage Conservation Area.
- (b) Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) – G. Manson was absent from the meeting.
- (c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society – C. Meutzner reported that photographs have been contributed from the Community Archives for the "Then and Now" section of the City Heritage website.
- (d) Nanaimo District and Museum – D. Hill-Turner reported the following:
 - ◆ The four cemetery tours which were held during the summer were all "sold out".
 - ◆ A new walking tour called, "Nanaimo Now and Then" took place at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday during July and August at \$5/person.
 - ◆ The "Raising Shell" aquaculture exhibit, which opened in June, will continue until the end of November, and "Family Shellfish Day" has been proclaimed for Sat., Oct. 25.
 - ◆ The final Bastion 150th Anniversary celebration concludes on Sat., Sept. 27.
 - ◆ A Rendezvous "garage sale" of miscellaneous items will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
 - ◆ The redevelopment of the second floor of the Museum will begin on Nov. 01. The first phase is scheduled to re-open in May and the second phase in Oct, 2004 with a theme from the 1950s onwards. The China Town exhibit will be recreated and remain on the second floor.
 - ◆ Work on the shelter for the locomotive began today and is scheduled to be completed by mid-November. This project will include interpretive plaques and tours of the inside.

- (e) Design Advisory Panel – C. Meutzner reported that J. Hofman attended the DAP meeting on June 26 in her absence and the Panel discussed the heritage alteration permit to add an awning and sign banner and replace the main doors of the Free Press Building (223 Commercial Street). C. Meutzner attended the DAP meeting on August 14, and the development permit for the Museum's locomotive shelter was approved as presented. The Panel also discussed the Heritage Design Awards and the process for selecting design award winners.

9. **LATE ITEMS:**

- (a) C. Meutzner advised that there have been recent organizational changes in the Development Services Department. Sharon Fletcher, Manager, Community Planning has resigned her position to take a job with the District of Mission. She added that C. Sholberg has been relocated to the Community Planning Division and that he will also be responsible for neighbourhood planning. C. Meutzner advised that clerical support would be provided from the Community Planning Division in future. She thanked H. Pirozzini for her commitment to the task of taking the Heritage Commission minutes and on behalf of the Commission, presented her with a bouquet of flowers. H. Pirozzini thanked the Commission Members and advised that she would remain as the recording secretary until such time as a new Community Planning Manager has been hired and the re-organization is complete.
- (b) C. Sholberg reported that there are about 75 "Columns, Cornices and Coal" books remaining that should be sold prior to reprinting the 2nd edition. He advised that in order to accelerate book sales he would be making a new sales arrangement with P.B. Cruise, Falconer Books, Tourism Nanaimo and the Museum by allowing them a significant percentage of the proceeds (40%). He asked whether the Commission supported this action. The Commission advised C. Sholberg to proceed.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2003-Oct-01, at 5:00 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting terminated at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date