

CITY OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE
COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2003-JUL-02, AT 5:00 P.M.
IN MINER'S COTTAGE AT 1904 JINGLE POT ROAD, NANAIMO, BC**

PRESENT: Joan Perry, Acting Chair John Hofman
 Mary Durdle David Hill-Turner

REGRETS Christine Meutzner, John Nimmo, Bill Gard

ABSENT: Colleen Parsley, 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 5:05 p.m. without a quorum.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was the consensus of the Commission to defer adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 2003-Jun-04 to the next regular meeting.

3. BUDGET REVIEW

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

4. LATE ITEMS

D. Hill-Turner stated that he would have one late item to discuss at the end of the regular agenda.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

- (a) Bastion National Historic Site Status – correspondence from Mayor Korpan to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, and the Minister's response - for information only.
- (b) Modern Café (221 Commercial Street) – Letter from Mrs. Carolyn Morris, owner of the Modern Café, requesting that the building be added to the Downtown Heritage Conservation Area in order to qualify for the new Residential

Conversion Grant Program. C. Sholberg advised that a previous Heritage Inventory Evaluation in 2001 yielded a score of 60 points out of a possible 100 (passing), and that the Commission recommended adding this property to the Heritage inventory at that time. The consensus of the Commission was to forward the letter to the Community Planner so that the property can be considered for placement on the Downtown Heritage Conservation Area significant heritage property list. This will require an amendment to the OCP.

- (c) B.C. Broadsheet – for information only.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Gusola Block (Commercial/Wharf Street Corner) – C. Sholberg provided concept drawings of the Gusola Block from David Poiron Architect, for the Commission's information.

- (a) Haslam Hall Plaque (15 Wallace Street) - C. Sholberg reported that the plaque has been completed and installed at the Tim Horton's restaurant, as well as a framed poster displayed inside. He added that a press release would take place in a few weeks with a Tim Horton's representative, a member from the Heritage Commission, and Mike Haslam all present.
- (b) St. Andrews Church – C. Sholberg phoned Helen Hunter of St. Andrews Church, who advised that the church is currently fundraising for repair work, but that there has been no costing prepared for repairing the brick or repainting the building. C. Sholberg offered the Commission's guidance for repair work and Ms. Hunter advised that she would keep the City in mind on future church maintenance questions.
- (c) Newcastle Heritage Walk – C. Sholberg advised that Jim Teneyke, ICAD, has been provided with the draft information for the brochure, which is anticipated to be completed by September, 2003. It was the consensus of the Commission that local businesses (i.e. Yacht Club) be contacted to request financial sponsorship for the brochure. The official launch of the Newcastle Heritage Walk will be advertised in the Fall as a public event and the brochures will be distributed at the same time.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – J. Perry reported that PNAC met in June and the Committee approved the amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP) for 25 Cavan Street to be included in Heritage Conservation Area #1. PNAC's next meeting will be held in September.
- (b) Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) – G. Manson was absent from the meeting.

- (c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society – C. Meutzner was absent from the meeting.
- (d) Nanaimo District and Museum – D. Hill-Turner reported the following:
 - Two more cemetery tours have been added to the schedule for the summer months (3 in July and 1 in August).
 - A new walking tour called, “Nanaimo Now and Then” will take place at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday during July and August at \$5/person.
 - The “Raising Shell” aquaculture exhibit opened in June and will continue until the end of November; featuring bus tours to sea farms and a shellfish grow operation.
- (e) Design Advisory Panel – C. Meutzner was absent, but J. Hofman reported that he attended a DAP meeting on June 26. The Panel discussed a Heritage Alteration Permit to add an awning and sign banner and replace the main doors of the Free Press building at 223 Commercial Street. The Heritage Alteration Permit does not have to go to Council for approval; therefore, the General Manager of Development Services will sign it on July 7th.

9. **LATE ITEMS:**

D. Hill-Turner advised that he is aware of a piece of the old Post Office which is lying in a field at Duke Point (across from Biggs Park). He will contact the owner (Canadian Pacific Railway) to inquire about salvaging it.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The Commission will not hold a meeting in August for summer break; therefore, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2003-Sep-03, at 5:00 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting terminated at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Acting Chair

Date