

CITY OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE
COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2003-MAY-07, AT 5:00 P.M.
IN CONFERENCE ROOM #1, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET**

PRESENT: Christine Meutzner, Chair
John Nimmo
Bill Gard
Geraldine Manson
Joan Perry
John Hofman
Colleen Parsley
Councillor Loyd Sherry

ABSENT: Mary Durdle, David Hill-Turner

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by J. Nimmo, SECONDED by C. Parsley, that the minutes of the meeting held on 2003-Apr-02, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. BUDGET REVIEW

C. Sholberg reported that the current budget is \$8,236.40 because \$5,000 has not been cut from the original budget, as anticipated.

4. LATE ITEMS

B. Gard and C. Sholberg advised that they have late items to discuss at the end of the regular agenda.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

- (a) Heritage Society of BC – Virtual Heritage Walk Award of Honour and Heritage Legacy Fund – C. Sholberg reported that he would coordinate the presentation of the Award of Honour for the Virtual Walking Tour to the City of Nanaimo in September or October.

- C. Sholberg advised that the Heritage Society of BC has announced that a new BC Heritage Legacy Fund has been established (replacing the BC Heritage Trust) which will support heritage conservation at the community level throughout BC. The Provincial Government has made an initial contribution of \$5 Million to the fund.
- (b) Heritage Canada Magazine: Rising from the Ashes - information only.
 - (c) CivicInfoBC Article: Vancouver Island Politicians Support Rail Plan – info. only.
 - (d) Arts Council Newsletter – C. Sholberg advised that Wendy Robson is no longer employed by the Arts Council and he requested input regarding involvement in the Paint-Out event, previously coordinated by Wendy Robson.
J. Hofman volunteered to contact the Downtown Art Gallery to discuss its possible coordination of the Paint-Out event, or a joint project between the Art Gallery, Malaspina University-College and the Heritage Commission. The consensus was that the Paint-Out event retains a heritage theme.
 - (e) Museum Newsletter – information only.
 - (f) Archaeological Society Newsletter – information only.
 - (g) Heritage Canada Foundation Historic Places Initiative Update – information only.
 - (h) City of Victoria Historic Places initiative Resolution – C. Sholberg presented a copy of Victoria's HPI resolution which believes the Government of Canada's commitment of \$10 Million per year for 3 years is woefully inadequate and requests adoption of a tax credit system as a more effective means of stopping the continuing demolition and neglect of Canada's heritage buildings. The consensus of the Commission was to defer action on this item to the next regular meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Virtual Heritage Walk – C. Sholberg advised that six street nodes have been given imagery on the virtual website, but the goal is to display the entire Heritage Walk on the site. He added that a partnership with the City's Information Technology Office (ITO) and cost sharing of \$5,000 each would be sufficient to complete this project.

MOVED by B. Gard, SECONDED by J. Nimmo, that the Commission contribute \$5,000 towards enhancement of the Virtual Heritage Walk.

CARRIED

- (b) Update on Provincial/National Heritage Register/Statement of Significance – C. Sholberg advised that the Provincial Government is requesting Statements of Significance to be created at the local level for all Heritage Register properties. He added that he would be attending a workshop on this topic, which will be held on Thursday, 2003-May-29, at SFU. C. Meutzner will attend the workshop as she will be assisting C. Sholberg with the re-write process. The Federal Government will be paying for production of the Statements of Significance.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- (a) Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada – C. Sholberg provided a list of possible nominations for the Nanaimo Area. The Commission briefly discussed various persons, places and events from the list and subsequently deferred making a decision to the next regular meeting.
- (b) Occidental Hotel – C. Sholberg advised that the Heritage Commission's recommendations were brought forward to Council at its regular meeting held 2003-Apr-28. Staff's recommendations were as follows:

“That Council deny the HAP and direct Staff to advise the property owner that the City would welcome a proposal to develop the land under the property's existing use and density requirements provided the original Occidental Hotel building is preserved.”

Council approved the recommendations. To date, Staff has heard nothing more from the property owner.

- (c) Heritage Plaque Policy – C. Sholberg provided a *draft* policy for review by the Commission Members and advised that he will be preparing an application form to accompany the policy.

MOVED by J. Nimmo, SECONDED by J. Hofman, that the Heritage Plaque Policy be forwarded to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

- (d) Cemetery Maintenance Policy - status – C. Meutzner advised that she provided C. Sholberg with a *draft* policy for inclusion on the next Heritage Commission agenda in June.

L. Sherry left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

- (e) Newcastle/Townsite Heritage Walk Brochure – C. Sholberg advised that this is the third brochure in the series of “heritage walk” brochures. He provided a *draft* copy of the brochure and reported that the information was provided by J. Perry and C. Meutzner who worked together on this project. It was suggested that the Harrison residence be included in the brochure. C. Sholberg requested Commission Members to forward further comments or changes to him within a week. He added that Jim Teneycke at ICAD would be producing the final version.

MOVED by C. Parsley, SECONDED by J. Hofman, that the Commission contribute up to a maximum of \$1,500 for design formatting and printing of the Newcastle/Townsite Heritage Walk brochure.

CARRIED

- (f) Downtown Signage Study – status - J. Hofman advised that he has attended 2 meetings regarding downtown signage and he displayed coloured pictures of the proposed signage as follows:

Three types of signs:

- Vehicular Directional
- Pedestrian/Cyclist Directional
- Place Identifier

Three locations:

- Old City Quarter
- Arts District
- Waterfront

Three Designs:

- City Wave
- Compass
- Transportation theme

The Commission reviewed the options, indicating a preference for the compass design, although this was not unanimous.

- (g) Heritage Society of BC Conference in Richmond on May 30/31 – C. Meutzner expressed an interest in attending this conference and advised that she would make a presentation on the Commission's behalf.

MOVED by J. Hofman, SECONDED by J. Perry, that C. Meutzner attend the Heritage Society of BC Conference and that the Commission reimburse her expenses.

CARRIED

- (h) Haslam Hall Plaque – C. Sholberg provided a copy of the plaque wording for the Tim Hortons location. He stated that cost sharing is anticipated to be \$250 from the descendant (Mike Haslam), \$500 from Tim Hortons, and \$250 from the Heritage Commission.

MOVED by J. Nimmo, SECONDED by C. Parsley, that the Commission contribute \$250 to the Haslam Hall Plaque project.

CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – J. Perry had nothing to report.
- (b) Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) – G. Manson provided the following summary of Treaty issues and negotiations:
- The SFN package includes Treaty lands worth \$38 Million, industrial land parcels in Duke Pt., and the Federal building land located in downtown Nanaimo.
 - Housing needs and locations, taxation, and loss of fee simple lands are all major concerns for SFN.
 - June 21st is the deadline for Treaty ratification.

- If the SFN membership is not ready to sign an Agreement in Principle (AiP) on June 21st, the Federal Government has assured them that they may take all the time they need.
 - There are 1,400 members in the SFN (900 are of voting age).
 - Treaty ratification is emotionally and mentally exhausting.
 - The longer it takes to reach an AiP; the more land resources available to the Snuneymuxw diminish.
- (c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society – C. Meutzner reported that C. Sholberg and J. Peterson spoke at the Archival Association of BC Conference held on 2003-Apr-25 and –26 in Nanaimo.
- (d) Nanaimo District and Museum – D. Hill-Turner was absent from the meeting.
- (e) Design Advisory Panel – C. Meutzner reported that at the Design Advisory Panel meeting held 2003-May-08, a development permit application for a renovation/addition at 512 Campbell Street (built in 1912) was reviewed. The applicant stated that the form and character of the original structure will be carried over to the new addition, preserving the building's heritage character and that re-roofing will be done using the same material as the original building's roofing. C. Meutzner reported that there will be no change to the front façade and that she had advised DAP Members that the suggested addition of window trims is not in keeping with the building's heritage character.

9. **LATE ITEMS:**

- (a) Harewood School (505 Howard Street) – C. Parsley advised that Harewood School, which is a heritage building and landmark for the Harewood community, might be closed by the School Board (possibly due to low enrollment and education budget cuts). C. Sholberg advised that the school is on the Heritage Register and he will inquire as to the proposed future use of the building.
- (b) Building the West – Early Architects of BC book – C. Meutzner advised that the City has purchased this book.
- (c) Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission's Freedom of Information Coordinator – C. Sholberg advised that it is necessary for the Commission to appoint the City's Deputy Manager of Corporate Administration as the FOI Coordinator.

MOVED by J. Nimmo, SECONDED by J. Hofman, that Karen Burley, Deputy Manager, Corporate Administration, City of Nanaimo, be appointed the Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission's Freedom of Information Coordinator.

CARRIED

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2003-Jun-04, at 5:00 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by B. Gard, SECONDED by J. Perry, that the meeting adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED

APPROVED:

Chair

Date

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