

DATE OF MEETING October 7, 2019
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SUBJECT **COMMUNITY HERITAGE REGISTER UPDATE**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present Council with an updated Community Heritage Register, including the addition of two buildings, removal of three buildings, and a number of minor text and photo edits. |

Recommendation

That Council adopt the amended Community Heritage Register, which includes the following building additions:

- Lewis Residence (130 Howard Avenue)
- Ivers/Honey Residence (911 Wentworth Street)

and the following deletions:

- Jean Burns Building (6 Commercial Street)
- Nanaimo Hospital/Malaspina Lodge (388 Machleary Street)
- Grieve Residence (711 Wentworth Street)

BACKGROUND

The Community Heritage Register (the “Register”) is an official list of properties identified by the City as having heritage value. Adoption of the Register ensures building owners and prospective buyers are aware of the building’s heritage status. The creation of the Register permits Council, through the “Heritage Procedures Bylaw 2002 No. 5549”, to implement temporary protection measures for buildings threatened with demolition or alteration.

Buildings on the Community Heritage Register can also take advantage of special “equivalency” provisions contained in the BC Building Code Heritage Building Supplement. In addition, the Register can be used as a criterion for municipal grants, tax exemption, and non-monetary incentives, such as zoning relaxation or development bonuses.

Council adopted the City’s first official Community Heritage Register at its regular meeting held 2002-OCT-07. At that time, the Register included 140 buildings, 6 cemeteries, and 6 structures. Council has since amended the Register by adding 33 buildings, 3 structures, 2 sites, and removing 11 buildings due to demolition and 1 at the request of the owner. |

DISCUSSION

New Nominations

Since the last Register update in May 2016, the following nominations were received and evaluated by City Staff through the City's Heritage Register Evaluation point system. A passing score is considered to be 50 or greater out of 100 for residential nominations, and 60 or greater out of 100 for non-residential nominations:

Name	Address	Score	Grade
Lewis Residence	130 Howard Avenue	52/100	Pass
Ivers/Honey Residence	911 Wentworth Street	54/100	Pass

The following additional amendments are also recommended by Staff:

- Remove the listing for the “Jean Burns Building” at 6 Commercial Street due to demolition of the building because of fire damage.
- Remove the listing for the “Nanaimo Hospital/Malaspina Lodge” at 388 Machleary Street due to demolition of the building for redevelopment purposes.
- Remove the listing for the “Grieve Residence” at 711 Wentworth Street at the request of the owner. Given the building's low historical value under the City's Heritage Register Evaluation point system (66/100) and non-protected status, Staff feel this request is supportable.
- Update photos for a number of listings.
- Make minor miscellaneous text amendments where building alterations have occurred or factual/ grammatical corrections have been identified.

Council must pass a resolution adopting the updated Community Heritage Register (Attachment A) in order for these amendments to be applied.

OPTIONS

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- The advantages: Under Section 3.6 – Heritage of the Official Community Plan (OCP), updating the Register satisfies the following portion of Policy #1, “maintain a community heritage register of buildings, structures and sites that have heritage value.” The Register and its periodic update also furthers the Livability and Economic Health goals of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, and specifically, the support for culture (heritage).

- The disadvantages: None identified.
- Financial Implications: Buildings listed on the Heritage Register can potentially apply for funding assistance through the City's various heritage incentive programs (Heritage Façade Grant, Heritage Home Grant, and Heritage Tax Exemption).

2. That Council deny the adoption of the amended Community Heritage Register.

- The advantages: None identified.
- The disadvantages: This action could create uncertainty about the City's commitment toward maintaining the Register under Section 3.6 of the OCP. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- A Community Heritage Register is an official list of properties identified by the City as having heritage value.
- The Register was last updated in May 2016.
- Proposed amendments include the addition of two buildings, removal of three buildings, and a number of minor text and photo edits.
- Council must pass a resolution in order to adopt the amended Register.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: Amended Community Heritage Register |

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