



## **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Thursday, 2015 February 05**

An 'Open' meeting of the Community Heritage Commission was held in the Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, **2015 February 05** at 6:00 PM.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair  
Councillor Nick Volkow, Vice Chair  
Councillor James Wang, Member  
Ms. Margaret Bell, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Philip Finlayson, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus  
Ms. Les Lee Lowe, Burnaby Historical Society Representative  
Ms. Coni O'Neill, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian  
Ms. Zoe Towle, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Mr. Lee Loftus, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Representative

STAFF: Mr. Dennis Back, City Clerk  
Ms. Denise Jorgenson, Director Finance  
Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner  
Ms. Helen Lee, Long Range Planner  
Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Museum Services Supervisor  
Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist  
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

The Chair welcomed new Commission member - Councillor James Wang.

### **2. MINUTES**

A) **Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2014 December 04**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER C. O'NEILL  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER M. BELL

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission 'Open' meeting held on 2014 December 04 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER L.L. LOWE  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER H. PRIDE

"THAT the reports be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) **Report from the City Clerk and City Archivist**  
**Re: City Archives Oral History Capital Project**

The City Clerk and the City Archivist submitted a report recommending a theme for the next phase of the Oral History Project.

The City Clerk and the City Archivist recommended:

1. THAT the next phase of the Oral History Project focus on the history of Burnaby Mountain and its many uses including: hiking/biking, conservation area, education facilities.
2. THAT funding in the estimated amount of \$2,500 be allocated to digitize, describe, and index the ten oral history tapes recently received as a donation to the Archives from the editor of "Suburb of Happy Homes" that included oral history tapes of prominent Burnaby residents.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER Z. TOWLE  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR N. VOLKOW

THAT the recommendations of the City Clerk and the City Archivist be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Report from the City Archivist**  
**Re: City of Burnaby Archives Annual Report 2014**

The City Archivist submitted a report presenting the 2014 Annual Report of the City of Burnaby Archives.

The City Archivist recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER P. FINLAYSON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. WANG

THAT the recommendation of the City Archivist be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist**  
**Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update**

Ms. Pasch submitted a memorandum providing the following update on work at the City Archives:

- the Website Upgrades and Book Digitization Pilot Project are nearing completion and will be roll out in spring 2015;
- the Commission's Subcommittee met on 2015 January 20 to work on a first proposal of theme and content criteria for the Oral History Project;
- increased auxiliary hours were approved as part of the 2015 provisional budget, resulting in a staffing level increase.

**Ms. Denise Jorgenson, Director Finance**

Ms. Jorgenson submitted a memorandum providing information regarding a joint project undertaken by the City and BCIT. The goal of the project is to provide as-built drawing plans for two City heritage buildings - the Eagles Estate located at 5655 Sperling Avenue and Baldwin House located at 6572 Deer Lake Drive. In addition, staff would like the Commission to consider if they would be in support of exploring the development of a heritage volunteer gardening society.

The speaker noted that when the program is complete in the spring, the BCIT students would like to present their work to the Commission.

Staff undertook to invite the BCIT students and arrange a presentation in the Council Chamber on 2015 April 02.

**Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Museum Services Supervisor**

Ms. Tuytens provided a verbal update on work at the Burnaby Village Museum:

- during 2014 Heritage Christmas the Museum welcomed over 54,000 visitors;
- Lisa Codd, Curator is seeking ideas for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Burnaby in 2017;
- the Museum will be open for Family Day and Spring Break, and the regular season will start in May;
- Home Grown Harvest is the Museum's theme for 2015.

**Ms. Helen Lee, Long Range Planner**

Ms. Lee provided a verbal update on the following matters:

- a Power Point presentation outlining the Heritage Planning Program in 2014 (Mowat House, Haddon House, Anderson House, and Heritage Signs & Plaque Program);
- "Main Street – at the Heart of the Community" is the theme for this year's Heritage Week (February 16 – 22);
- the Planning and Building Department is working with developers on the potential site redevelopments for St. Stephen Anglican Church and West Burnaby United Church;
- an off-site visit of New Haven is proposed prior to the next Commission meeting in April;

*\*\*Councillor J. Wang retired from the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and did not return.\*\**

- Sullivan House has been sold and the Planning and Building Department received a subdivision application.

**Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner**

Mr. Wolf noted that the Province is seeking nominations of historic places with significance to BC's Chinese community that reflects the development and history of the Province.

Arising from discussion, Commissioner Pride was granted leave by the Commission to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER H. PRIDE  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER M. BELL

THAT staff nominate the Big Bend Market Gardens and Barnet Marine Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries brought before the Commission at this time.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER H. PRIDE  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER Z. TOWLE

THAT the 'Open' meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Colleen Jordan  
CHAIR