



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, 2015 November 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 November 05 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
Councillor Nick Volkow, Vice Chair
Ms. Margaret Bell, Citizen Representative
Mr. Philip Finlayson, Citizen Representative
Mr. James Jang, Parks Commission Representative (Alternate)
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
Ms. Coni O'Neill, Citizen Representative
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian
Ms. Zoe Towle, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Councillor James Wang, Member
Ms. Les Lee Lowe, Burnaby Historical Society

STAFF: Mr. Dennis Back, City Clerk
Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner
Ms. Helen Lee, Long Range Planner
Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. MINUTES

a) [Minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2015 September 10](#)

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER O'NEILL
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BELL

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2015 September 10 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANG

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Correspondence from Commissioner M. Bell**
Re: 2015 Heritage BC Annual Conference

Commissioner Bell submitted highlights from the Annual Heritage BC Conference (held in Rossland, BC) she attended in October 2015.

Commissioner Bell and Commissioner Finlayson noted that this year's Conference was interesting and very well organized.

Arising from discussion, Commissioner Finlayson was granted leave to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TOWLE

THAT the Commission send a letter of appreciation to Heritage BC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Finlayson further noted that he attended Rossland Museum which has some great collections, i.e. alpine skiing, World War I & II, mines, unions, etc.

b) **Memorandum from Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist**
Re: City of Burnaby Archives – Update

A memorandum was received from Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist providing an update on work at the City Archives.

Ms. Pasch noted the following:

- the Website Upgrades and Book Digitization Pilot Project, together with Archives Film Digitization Project are well received by the public. The updated website was demonstrated to Council on 2015 October 26;
- the File-pro Migration Project is underway – the work of migrating committee records and bylaws is expected to be completed by the end of the year;

- community members accessing a variety of records from the Archives holding (i.e. school and aerial photographs, annuals, newsletters, scrapbooks and moving images).

Councillor Jordan noted that Council members trying to promote some of the City's events and projects on the website and on social media, and invited Commission members to re-post and share interesting City's posts as well.

c) **Memorandum from Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist**
Re: Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project - Update

A memorandum was received from Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist providing a progress report on the Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project.

Ms. Pasch noted that first eight interviews have been completed. Those interviewed include:

- Steve Mancinelli – founding member of Burnaby Mountain Preservation Society and City of Burnaby Environmental Star recipient (2001);
- John Kirbyson – former City Parks and Recreation employee;
- Karen Morcke and Diane Hansen (joint interview) – Burnaby Mountain Preservation Society members;
- Maureen Olofson – Burnaby resident who lived on Burnaby Mountain as a child;
- Alekxos Sarter – current City Parks and Recreation employee;
- John Templeton, Alan James and Christine Leston (joint interview) – Stoney Creek Environment Committee members;
- Tony Fabian – former Parks and Recreation Commissioner and 2008 City of Burnaby Environment Award recipient;
- Rick Sporns – City Parks and Recreation employee.

The speaker noted that an interview with Dr. Ron Barker was cancelled due to illness.

d) **Memorandum from Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist**
Re: Proposed Archives Expansion - Update

A memorandum was received from Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist providing an update on activities concerning the proposed Archives expansion.

Mr. Dennis Back, City Clerk, noted that during a meeting with Mayor Corrigan and Councillor Jordan in July 2015, there were a number of suggestions made, including identification of various short term options. Ms. Pasch undertook to investigate these options.

Councillor Jordan noted that in 2008, the City of Vancouver did archives study, and advised that the City is looking to hire a consultant to prepare a similar study. This matter will go to the Finance Management Committee.

Commissioner Pride returned to the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and took his place at the Commission table.

Ms. Johnson advised that she is part of the Capitol Hill Community Hall Association which was built by and is run by volunteers. The Association has a number of records; however, she was advised the City Archives is not accepting any new donations at this time.

The Commission requested Ms. Pasch meet with Ms. Johnson and investigate possible documents and donations transfer.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Helen Lee, Long Range Planner

Ms. Lee noted the Burnaby Remembers ad will be appearing in the local newspapers tomorrow. It was noted that the advertisement rate for next year will increase substantially.

The speaker further noted that advertising on social media, ceremonies and display at the City Hall are in place for the Remembrance Day 2015.

Ms. Lee noted that the owners of a house located at 6079 Canada Way, which is on the Burnaby Heritage Inventory, applied for a subdivision and the Heritage Revitalization Agreement details will be available at the next Commission meeting.

Ms. Lee advised that Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (BC Chapter) will be having an annual meeting on 2015 November 27 at Shadbolt Centre for the Arts.

Councillor Volkow inquired if it was possible to attend.

Staff undertook to send a registration form to Councillor Volkow.

Councillor Jordan

Councillor Jordan advised that this is Commissioner Towle's last meeting. Councillor Jordan conveyed thanks and appreciation, on behalf of the Commission and the City, to Commissioner Towle for her involvement on the Heritage Commission.

5. INQUIRIES

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER O'NEILL
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BELL

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR