



## **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

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, **2017 February 02** at 6:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair  
Councillor James Wang, Member  
Ms. Maurya Biswell, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Diane Gillis, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus  
Mr. Lee Loftus, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Representative  
Ms. Les Lee Lowe, Burnaby Historical Society Representative  
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Vice Chair  
Ms. Coni O'Neill, Citizen Representative  
Vacant

STAFF: Mr. Dennis Back, City Clerk  
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 6:07 p.m.

#### **2. MINUTES**

- a) [Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission  
Open meeting held on 2016 November 03](#)

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2016 November 03 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BISWELL  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **[Correspondence from Heritage BC](#)**  
**Re: Call to Action: Support the Proposed Heritage Tax Credit**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Paul Gravett, Interim Executive Director, Heritage BC, advising that on 2016 December 06, Peter van Loan, Conservative critic for Canadian Heritage and National Historic Sites, introduced a Private Member's Bill for the rehabilitation of historic buildings in Canada. This Bill will have the potential to encourage rehabilitation of properties in the Canadian Register of Historic Places. Mr. Gravett is seeking support for the heritage tax credit.

Arising from discussion, the Commission introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE

THAT the Commission supports the proposed heritage tax credit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **[Correspondence from Heritage BC](#)**  
**Re: Funding Announcement: Province of B.C. Launches New Funding Program**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Paul Gravett, Interim Executive Director, Heritage BC advising the Province is launching a funding program to celebrate BC communities and their contribution to Canada to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

Arising from discussion, the Commission introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISWELL

THAT staff apply for matching funding for the Burnaby Then and Now project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) **Memorandum from the Museum Services Supervisor**  
**Re: Burnaby Village Museum Updates**

A memorandum was received from Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Museum Services Supervisor, providing an update on work at the Burnaby Village Museum. The update included the following:

Christmas:

- successful Christmas season with attendance of 51,755 (2<sup>nd</sup> highest on record);
- new light displays & the Nine Ladies dancing in the rain;
- new Christmas singalong entertainer.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Break 2017 March 13 – 24;
- staff working with a Burnaby School District focus group comprised of the district aboriginal enhancement teacher and head teachers from Lakeview and Morley schools to help update school programs to meet the new BC curriculum, which focuses on First Nations perspectives and cultural diversity;
- staff working on 'Burnaby Then and Now' photography exhibit for the summer to celebrate Burnaby's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
- larger Canada Day with additional entertainment as part of the Burnaby 125/Canada 150 events;
- research into the Museum's pharmacy exhibit is underway.

Ms. Tuytens further noted that:

- Discovery Days will be held in May/June;
- the City got a grant to enhance Canada Day celebrations as well as other events, i.e. BC Day, World Rivers Day, etc.

Commissioner Gillis advised she has a collection of pharmacy items from her father that she would like to donate to the Museum.

Staff advised to contact Ms. Lisa Codd, the Museum Curator.

d) **Memorandum from the Administrative Officer**  
**Re: "Burnaby Then and Now"**  
**Celebrating Burnaby 125 with Heritage Markers**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2017 January 30, received and adopted the above noted report seeking funding approval for a project to celebrate the City's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The project will provide a more complete and inclusive picture of Burnaby's history through local stories and historical

images, and would complement the existing interpretive plaques and signs previously established on the City's ongoing Heritage Program.

**4. REPORT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) [Report from the City Archivist](#)  
**Re: City of Burnaby Archives Annual Report 2016**

The City Archivist submitted a report presenting the 2016 Annual Report for the City of Burnaby Archives.

The City Archivist recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT the recommendation of the City Archivist be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Helen Lee, Long Range Planner**

Ms. Lee advised that staff submitted nominations for Stop of Interest Signs to BC Government. Stop of Interest Signs are intended to provide visible format for the interpretation of people, places and events that shaped British Columbia. The City's nominations included Central Park (the first provincial park in BC), SFU (the second largest post-secondary institution in BC and named after Simon Fraser, a fur trader and explorer), and Mr. Kapoor Singh Siddoo (a pioneer Indo-Canadian Sikh who founded the Kapoor Sawmills Ltd. and was instrumental in increasing rights for East Indians).

Ms. Lee advised that staff contacted Burnaby Neighbourhood House if they would be interested in organizing Jane's Walk; however, so far no response was received.

Ms. Lee provided an update on Remembrance Day noting usual BurnabyNow newspaper ads and Honour Roll display at the City Hall.

Ms. Lee advised that a new sign has been installed at the Hart House.

### **Commissioner Pride**

Commissioner Pride advised that the School Book project that he is working on has been delayed due to a large number of submissions, and should be finished by Spring 2017.

Commissioner Pride inquired regarding Citizen Support Services' brochure with information on transportation and other services for seniors, and suggested providing this brochure to the Burnaby Hospital.

Staff undertook to investigate.

### **Commissioner Gillis**

Commissioner Gillis conveyed thanks to staff and the City for displaying KINA Community Garland at the Burnaby Village Museum. It was noted that a number of great comments were received.

## **6. INQUIRIES**

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

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BISWELL  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT this Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Colleen Jordan  
CHAIR