



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission was held in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, **2017 June 08** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Vice Chair
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
Ms. Les Lee Lowe, Burnaby Historical Society Representative
Mr. Lance Matricardi, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Representative
Ms. Diane Gillis, Citizen Representative
Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Citizen Representative
Ms. Coni O'Neill, Citizen Representative
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Member *(due to illness)*
Ms. Maurya Biswell, Citizen Representative *(resigned)*

STAFF: Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner
Ms. Helen Lee, Long Range Planner
Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Museum Services Supervisor
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. MINUTES

- a) [Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission](#)
Open meeting held on 2017 April 06

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER O'NEILL
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2017 April 06 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **[Memorandum from the City Archivist](#)**
Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update (2017 May)

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

- work began on Heritage Burnaby website update to include the 1892-1969 Council records;
- steps are being taken to preserve digital records in the Archives holdings through partnership with the Information Technology Department.

Councillor Jordan advised that together with the Deputy City Clerk and the City Archivist they visited the Richmond Archives, as well as North Vancouver and New Westminster Archives. It was noted that Burnaby is the only city that has all Council minutes available electronically.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **[Staff Verbal Updates & Presentations](#)**

Deborah Tuytens, Museum Services Supervisor

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

- for Burnaby 125 celebrations, the Museum hired a researcher to work on plaques project (Chinese-Canadian and Japanese-Canadian history);
- great entertainment is planned for Canada Day celebrations and 10,000 visitors are expected to visit the Museum over the long weekend;
- summer programs include First Nations history and demonstrations;
- car rides and laundry days are popular programs;
- work continues on pharmacy research - so far 600 objects have been catalogued.

Helen Lee, Long Range Planner

Ms. Lee provided an update on the Japanese-Canadian Historic Places status, where there were 264 nominations, and 56 places were recognized by the

Province, including two places in Burnaby – Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre and Protected Area (160 miles of coast land). These two sites will be included on the BC Register of Historic Places as well as the Canadian Register, the interactive map, and plaques will be installed to bring awareness to these places.

The speaker provided further update on the Labour History program. Staff is finalizing text for the plaques, and will report to the Commission in September.

Staff submitted three nominations for the Stop of Interest program, and Kapoor Saw Mill was selected by the Province. Staff will report back in September, and a dedication ceremony will be held later in the fall.

Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner

Mr. Wolf provided an update on the School Book History project noting that staff met with the Book Committee and will be receiving their submissions, organizing the documents, and a sample book chapter will be presented to the Committee for approval.

Mr. Pride advised that extra documentation, not included in the book, will be binded and stored in the Library or the Archives.

Staff undertook to follow up with Mr. Pride regarding the binding and storage in the Archives.

Presentation - Heritage Interpretive Plaque Program - 2017

Mr. Wolf provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Heritage Interpretive Plaque Program – 2017, Burnaby 125 – Burnaby Then & Now Project.

The speaker outlined the history of the plaque program from the initiation in 1988 to 2015.

The 2017 project was approved by Council to celebrate and mark Burnaby's 125th anniversary with a new and expanded Heritage Marker Program. Council approved \$60,000 and the BC/Canada 150 project provided an additional \$57,000. The project will be launched with a research program in partnership with the Burnaby Village Museum. It represents a new opportunity to renew and substantially add to the City's interpretive plaque program and history knowledge.

Two other projects related to heritage interpretation in 2017 are:

- Labour History Centre – plaques to mark the 1921 Strike at Barnet Mill and the 1909 Japanese Train disaster at Lost Creek at the Brunette River;

- Provincial Stop of Interest Program – Kapoor Singh Siddoo at Barnet Marine Park.

Council approved five key themes for the 2017 program:

1. Working People – the lives of Burnaby's citizens;
2. Taking a Stand – collective action and advancing human rights;
3. Protecting the Environment – waterways, green spaces and parks;
4. Celebrating Diversity – multi-cultural Burnaby;
5. Urban Development – building a modern city.

There will be 20 new interpretive plaques, including:

- Burnaby and The Great Depression
- Barnet Mill and Company Town
- Chinese-Canadian Farmers
- Eileen Dailly
- First Nations
- Willingdon Heights
- Dominion Bridge
- Alan Emmott
- Kingsway "Cool"
- Burnaby Lake
- Brunette River
- Ernie Winch and New Vista

In conclusion, Mr. Wolf noted that BC 150 funding will allow staff to augment the City's plaque program by new research and develop online video vignettes to accompany the markers in a new expanded interpretive program.

Presentation – From Abbey to Yule

Mr. Wolf provided a PowerPoint presentation on the ABC's of Burnaby's historic street names.

The speaker noted that Burnaby's first street name was selected in 1859 for North Road by the Royal Engineers. Today, over 1,074 street names exist in Burnaby, which provide a fascinating glimpse into a history.

Councillor Jordan

Councillor Jordan noted that Ms. Maurya Biswell submitted her resignation due to relocation to Vernon.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARCHIONI

THAT Ms. Biswell's resignation be received; and

THAT a letter be sent to Ms. Biswell thanking her for her service on the Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Les Lee Lowe

Commissioner Lowe noted that this year's Heritage Fair at the Burnaby Village Museum was very successful, and encouraged the Commission members to attend the Fair next year.

5. INQUIRIES

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MATRICARDI
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER O'NEILL

THAT this Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR