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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**DATE:** 2015 May 28

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

**FILE:** 2410-20

**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION UPDATE – EAGLES ESTATE AND BALDWIN HOUSE

**PURPOSE:** To provide the Community Heritage Commission with an update regarding the BCIT joint project.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Community Heritage Commission receive this report for information.
2. **THAT** the Community Heritage Commission authorize staff to continue with the BCIT joint project as a two year pilot.

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

A memorandum was provided to the Community Heritage Commission on 2015 February 02 outlining the joint project undertaken by the City and BCIT during the 2014/2015 school year. 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.

Since the Land Conservancy of British Columbia vacated the Eagles Estate and Baldwin House in 2013, staff has been working to find opportunities to broaden community access to these two heritage buildings and their surrounding gardens in Deer Lake Park. Even without the benefit of advertising, both properties continue to generate interest from the public resulting in on site meetings with various interest groups wanting to explore a suitable long term use for the properties.

In 2014 May, Licence staff entered into discussions with faculty members from the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) to examine possible partnering opportunities. Given the age of the facilities and the heritage designation, maintenance of both of these houses is very specialized. After viewing the two properties BCIT faculty responded enthusiastically offering to work with City staff to determine if a program could be develop for these two buildings, using teaching programs and student engagement. The Finance Department was granted Council permission to work with BCIT on the development of a teaching curriculum.

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The project with BCIT began 2014 October. The following outlines the details of the project:

### **1.1 Scope of BCIT's Initial Proposal and Timeframe**

1. To complete Auto-CAD as-built drawings utilizing the BCIT Architectural and Structural CADD and Graphics Technician programs by incorporating this activity into the following courses:
  - ASCT 1240 – Arch Graphics – As-Built measurements & field sketches
  - ASCT 1210 CAD – Computer Applications

Site reviews commenced 2014 October 22 with computer graphics following into December. 2015 January 21, the Director Finance, the Chief Licence Officer, the Assistant Director Engineering Facilities Management and an Administrative staff attended BCIT to review the work of students in the architectural design program. Students were proud and pleased to share their work. Each one participated in a team presentation to City staff.

At the 2015 June 04 meeting BCIT ASCT Program will be presenting the work completed to date and answer any questions the Community Heritage Commission may have. They will also present their ideas on possible future directions for the long-term maintenance and public use of these two facilities.

In addition, the City and BCIT are working on developing a curriculum in other BCIT programs such as:

2. The Interior Design Diploma Program which could incorporate accessibility assessment activities.
3. The Architectural Science Degree Program will use the facilities as a design tool and explore the heritage significance of the structures while reviewing the building envelope and energy performance.
4. The School of Construction and Environment and the School of Business can coordinate student directed studies course/workshop to explore potential uses of the houses. This program can build off of the data gathered from Activities 1 to 3.

Staff recommend that the program with BCIT continue as a two year pilot. BCIT and City staff will provide an update for the Community Heritage Commission on the joint project at a 2015 fall Commission meeting.

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## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Heritage Commission authorize staff to continue with the BCIT joint project as a two year pilot.

  
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cc: City Manager  
Chief Licence Inspector