



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, 2015 September 10

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 September 10 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
Councillor Nick Volkow, Vice Chair
Mr. Philip Finlayson, Citizen Representative
Mr. James Jang, Parks Commission Representative (Alternate)
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
Ms. Les Lee Lowe, Burnaby Historical Society
Mr. Lee Loftus, Parks Commission Representative
Ms. Coni O'Neill, Citizen Representative
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian

ABSENT: Councillor James Wang, Member
Ms. Margaret Bell, Citizen Representative
Ms. Zoe Towle, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Mr. Dennis Back, City Clerk
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 6:00 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Parks Commissioner (alternate) James Jang to the Commission meeting.

2. MINUTES

- a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2015 June 04**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER O'NEILL
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' Community Heritage Commission meeting held on 2015 June 04 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Memorandum from the Administrative Officer**
Re: Information Update - Eagles Estate and Baldwin House

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer, Financial Management Committee advising that Council, at its Open Council meeting held on 2015 July 06, received and adopted the above noted report recommending continuation of the joint City-BCIT heritage project for the next school year. This report has been forwarded to the Commission for information.

Commissioner Loftus suggested other City's properties/locations be considered for inclusion in the joint project.

b) **Memorandum from the Administrative Officer**
Re: Heritage BC Annual Conference

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer regarding Heritage BC Annual Conference to be held in Rossland, BC on 2015 October 01 - 03.

Commission members expressed an interest in attending the Conference.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Volkow was granted a leave by the Commission to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT Commission recommend Council authorize an expenditure up to \$3,500 for the Community Heritage Commission members to attend the Heritage BC Annual Conference to be held in Rossland, BC on 2015 October 01 - 03.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk
Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk providing an update on work at the City Archives.

Ms. Pasch, City Archivist noted the following:

- Website Upgrades and Book Digitization Pilot Project and Archives Film Digitization Project were launched, and the new Heritage Burnaby Website went live on 2015 August 25;
- the Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project is well underway and on schedule;
- progress continues on the File-pro Migration Project;
- staff met with Mayor Corrigan and Councillor Jordan to talk about the Burnaby Archives' current and future storage needs.

Councillor Volkow requested interview questions and names of 26 people who were selected for the Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project.

Staff undertook to provide requested information.

Commissioner Pride offered help on the Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project after the Burnaby School History Book Project is completed.

d) Memorandum from Museum Services Supervisor
Re: Burnaby Village Museum Updates

A memorandum was received from the Museum Services Supervisor providing an update on work at the Burnaby Village Museum (BVM):

- the BVM had a very busy summer season highlighting the history of growing and preserving food in Burnaby;

- the digital storytelling workshops will continue in the fall, in partnership with the Burnaby Public Library;
- the Neighbourhood History lecture series is scheduled for fall again at the BVM and all four library branches.

Ms. Tuytens further noted that:

- Labour Day Fall Fair was very successful with 3,500 people in attendance. Free carousel rides were courtesy of CUPE Local 23 and Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission;
- World Rivers Day will be held on 2015 September 27 at the BVM;
- Burnaby Neighbourhood History series will be held in fall (i.e. history of the Barnet Village, Chinese-Canadian history in Burnaby, etc.) with two walking tours (Masjid Al Salaam Mosque & Islamic Education Centre and Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre);
- Halloween Haunted Village will be held on 2015 October 28-30.

Councillor Jordan inquired if the Museum had any damage due to the wind storm last weekend.

Ms. Tuytens noted that one large tree has been lost and there was no further damage. The speaker noted that due to the power outages, the Museum had no fire protection, security alarm and no temperature control environment for the collections, and staff will look into emergency preparedness to overcome similar issues in the future.

Ms. Pasch undertook to investigate an impact of the wind storm on the Archives.

4. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER O'NEILL
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from the Director Planning and Building** **Re: Burnaby Remembers Program - 2015**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking expenditure authorization for the Burnaby Remembers Program for Remembrance Day on 2015 November 2015.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,500 (inclusive of GST) for the Burnaby Remembers Program, as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON

THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Volkow inquired if any other 'Roll of Honour' would be considered in the future.

Staff advised that some suggestions were received; however, the City has no resources at this time.

Councillor Volkow inquired regarding Burnaby Cenotaphs, their locations, history, possible relocations (due to redevelopment in the area), and their improvements. The speaker further noted that the Federal Government has a program that the City can apply for to upgrade its cenotaphs.

Staff advised that locations of the cenotaphs were chosen by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Commission at this time.

6. INQUIRIES

Commissioner Loftus

Commissioner Loftus inquired regarding the City's interest in a joint project with the BC Labour Heritage Centre.

Staff advised that the Museum staff met with the representative of the Centre in the summer to discuss some ideas, and a film produced on labour history was played at the Museum theatre.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT this Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR