



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, **2016 June 02** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Ms. Maurya Biswell, Citizen Representative
Mr. Philip Finlayson, Citizen Representative
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
Ms. Les Lee Lowe, Burnaby Historical Society Representative
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian

GUESTS: Ms. Diane Gillis
Ms. Jessica Blesch

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Vice Chair
Mr. Lee Loftus, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Representative
Ms. Coni O'Neill, Citizen Representative

STAFF: 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 Open meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. MINUTES

a) **Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission
Open meeting held on 2016 April 07**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2016 April 07 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISWELL

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Jordan acknowledged a thank you card from Ms. Margaret Bell, former Community Heritage Commission member.

a) **Correspondence from Heritage BC**
Re: Heritage BC Annual Report 2015

Correspondence was received from Ms. Helen Cain, Board Chair of Heritage BC together with their 2015 Annual Report.

The 2015 Annual Report noted that Heritage BC delivered \$75,000 in grants from the Heritage Legacy Fund through which they supported 12 capital projects to conserve historic places and other cultural heritage resources, and five heritage awareness projects.

Heritage BC membership increased to 264, and members were engaged more through social media.

Working with several Provincial Ministries, Heritage BC launched the “Get on the Map” series. Developed through public input, the first map is World War Monuments and Memorials in BC, and the Chinese Historic Places Recognition Project with 77 nominated sites.

Commissioner Finlayson conveyed thanks to the Commission for being able to represent the City at the Heritage BC Annual Conference on Granville Island. The speaker provided highlights of the conference, i.e. the presentation by Norman Hotson on his involvement in the redevelopment of Granville Island, Nancy Mackin’s presentation on her study of traditional building methods, ‘Cultural Planning 101’ with Patricia Huntsman, and ‘Communications Basics’ put on by the Province of BC Heritage Branch.

b) **Correspondence from the Art Tree Project**
Re: Canada 150 Art Tree Project

Correspondence was received Ms. Marlene Schaly, Creative Director of the Art Tree Project seeking to engage all of Canada in community art shows to celebrate Canada 150. The art show would be composed of Art Trees created by any group who wishes to commemorate their members and heritage.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE

THAT this item of correspondence be **REFERRED** to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) **Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk**
Re: Rezoning Reference #14-44 - High Rise Strata Apartment,
High Rise Rental Apartment and Low Rise Church

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Council at its Open meeting held on 2016 April 25, received and adopted the above noted rezoning report for multi-family residential/church development at Sussex Avenue/Hazel Street/Grange Street.

d) **Memorandum from the 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:

- IT staff have been successful in working together with Archives staff to develop a more efficient, automated process for the transfer of City records. This newly implemented system will cut processing time in half for all future City record transfers to the Archives.
- A new auxiliary staff has been engaged to complete the work of making the 1970s Council records accessible through Heritage Burnaby. At the completion of this project, 84% of current Council records holdings will be fully digitized.
- Staff participated in the meeting initiated by Social Planning to discuss related recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report.
- Staff began work on the municipal records backlog.

Councillor Jordan noted that an article regarding Oral History Project appeared in the Burnaby Now Newspaper on April 21.

4. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from the Director Planning & Building**
Re: Waterways of Burnaby: Discovering the Heritage &
Nature of Burnaby's Still Creek Conservation Area

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking funding approval to design and print a walking tour brochure for the Still Creek Conservation Area for the City's World Rivers Day on 2016 September 25.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve an expenditure of up to \$2,000.00 for the production of a new walking tour guide for the Still Creek Conservation Area, as outlined in this report.

2. THAT Council refer this report to the Environment Committee for their information.

Staff provided a Power Point presentation on the walking tour guide for the Still Creek Conservation area, noting a history of the area together with legends, and outlining some of the points of interests, i.e. Gilmore Station, Slough Estate, Crow Rookery, Costco Public Trails, Burnaby Lake Tramline, Chinese Market Garden at Douglas Road, Sunken Engine Creek, Logging Still Creek, Spartan Oil Wells, Pole Line Road (Sperling Avenue).

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **Report from the Director Planning and Building**
Re: Frederick and Alice Hart Estate "Avalon" - Heritage Site
Interpretive Plaque

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking authorization of the design and installation of a replacement interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate "Avalon".

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve the design and installation of an interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate "Avalon", as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BISWELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner – Remembering Working People Project

Mr. Wolf submitted a memorandum in response to the correspondence from the BC Labour Heritage Centre regarding *Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project*. The purpose of the project is to identify and catalogue existing memorials to working people in British Columbia and install series of bronze plaques to recognize people, places or events through a nomination process.

Staff have reviewed the project and identified a number of possible nominations for consideration by the Commission:

1. Barnet Lumber Company Mill Workers Strike, 1931 (event)
2. William A. Pritchard (1881 – 1981) (individual)
3. Ernest Edward Winch (1879 – 1957) (individual)
4. Jubilee Labour Hall, Maple Avenue, 1935 (place)
5. Japanese Workmen Railway Disaster at Kilby Creek, 1909 (event)

Arising from discussion, the Commission introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON

THAT staff prepare a report nominating #1 - Barnet Lumber Company Mill Workers Strike and #5 - Japanese Workmen Railway Disaster at Kilby Creek for the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Les Lee Lowe – Heritage Fair

Commissioner Lowe advised that Rivers to Sea Regional Heritage Fair this year was very successful, and encouraged Commission members to attend the Fair next year and assist with judging.

Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist – Oral History

Ms. Pasch referred to an inquiry made at the last Commission meeting regarding the possibility to include pictures with the Oral History Project, and noted that at this time the website does not have the ability to do so.

Councillor Jordan – Mr. Sayers' Collection

Councillor Jordan inquired regarding an update on Mr. Sayers' collection of women's historic clothing in the Townley Estate.

Staff advised that there is no new development at this time.

Commissioner Harry Pride – School History Book Project

Mr. Pride provided an update on the School History Book Project, and noted that the excess articles and photos will be donated to the Burnaby Public Library.

Councillor Jordan – Happy Birthday

Councillor Jordan wished Commissioner Pride happy 91st birthday.

Helen Lee, Long Range Planner – Swinging Girl

Ms. Lee advised that Swinging Girl refurbishment has been completed. It was noted that the lights were replaced and the sign was repainted on site, with no disruption to surrounding businesses.

Councillor Jordan inquired regarding Lost in the 50's neon sign and its site's development proposal.

Staff undertook to investigate.

6. INQUIRIES

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

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT this Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR