

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2017 Aug 28

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 3520 20
Reference: Interpretive Signs

SUBJECT: NEW KAPOOR SINGH SIDDOO "STOP OF INTEREST" SIGN

PURPOSE: To seek Council's concurrence with implementation of a new interpretive sign under the Provincial government's "Stop of Interest" signage program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize staff to facilitate the installation of the proposed Provincial "Stop of Interest" sign for Kapoor Singh Siddoo in Barnet Marine Park, as outlined in Section 3.0 of this report.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for their information.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 2016 November 03, the Community Heritage Commission received correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure seeking nominations for new signs under its Stop of Interest signage program. The Commission requested staff to advance nominations to the program to recognize people and places in Burnaby that helped shape the history of British Columbia. When the nomination period closed at the end of January, over 500 nominations were received for 75 new signs. One of the new signs includes Burnaby's nomination of Mr. Kapoor Singh Siddoo, a pioneer Indo-Canadian Sikh who founded the Kapoor Sawmills Ltd. and was instrumental in increasing rights for the Southeast Asian community in British Columbia. This report outlines the new sign commemorating Mr. Siddoo and seeks Council's approval for the next steps of implementation of the project.

2.0 "STOP OF INTEREST" SIGNAGE PROGRAM

Between September 2016 and January 2017, the BC Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure invited the public to submit nominations for 75 new signs as part of their Stop of Interest signage program. The program, originally introduced in 1958, displays signs along provincial routes to invite travellers to reflect on people, places and events that helped shape the history of British Columbia. Since then, more than 100 signs have been erected throughout the province.

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The overall size and design of the "Stop of Interest" sign is based on a standard template developed by the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, which measures approximately 3 feet by 3 feet in size, and will be manufactured and installed by the Ministry's contractors. The content for Mr. Siddoo's sign has been developed in conjunction with the Provincial government, Planning staff and the family of Mr. Siddoo who are still actively involved in Burnaby (see *Attachment 1*).

3.0 SIGN LOCATION

Installation of the sign is proposed for a location in Barnet Marine Park near the entrance to one of the trail junctions within the park (*Attachment 2*). Ongoing maintenance costs and replacement will be the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure in cooperation with City staff, who will help manage the sign under the City's existing heritage interpretive plaque program.

Augmenting the installation of this sign honouring Mr. Siddoo will be another set of interpretive plaques proposed for Barnet Marine Park as part of Burnaby's 125th anniversary. A separate report is included for consideration of the Commission and Council.

4.0 NEXT STEPS

The new "Stop of Interest" sign recognizing Mr. Kapoor Singh Siddoo provides a good opportunity to bring further awareness and recognition to both local and provincial heritage and history and build on the City's existing heritage interpretative plaque program.

With the concurrence of the Community Heritage Commission, staff will work with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to facilitate the manufacture and installation of the interpretive sign.


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Attachments

Copied to: City Manager
Director Engineering
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
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