



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, **2019 February 07** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- PRESENT:**
- Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
 - Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair
 - Councillor James Wang, Member
 - Ms. Karin Alzner, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Representative
 - Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
 - Mr. Richard Liu, Citizen Representative
 - Mr. Lee Loftus, Citizen Representative
 - Mr. Harry Pride, Historian
 - Mr. Roger Whitehouse, Citizen Representative
- ABSENT:**
- Ms. Diane Gillis, Citizen Representative
 - Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Citizen Representative
- STAFF:**
- Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner
 - Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Museum Services Supervisor
 - Ms. Kate O'Connell, City Clerk
 - Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 06:08 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the unceded, traditional, and ancestral lands of the hə́ŋqəmiṇə́m and skwxwú7mesh speaking people, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared Coast Salish territory.

2. MINUTES

- a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2018 November 15**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2018 November 15 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested that item 3(a), staff presentation regarding the history of Arts and Crafts Movement in Vancouver and Burnaby, be heard at the end of the meeting.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk**
Re: Rezoning Reference #17-10006
School District 41 Board and Administration Offices
Broadview Community Plan

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2018 December 10, received and adopted the above noted report seeking authorization to forward the rezoning application to a Public Hearing on 2019 January 29. The proposed development is for the revitalization of the historic Schou Street School to accommodate the District 41 Board chambers and offices, international student programming, Information Technology and computer training lab. The existing annex building will be demolished and replaced with a new building connected to the heritage structure, which will house the School District 41 offices. Key elements in the heritage restoration include: the removal of the exterior stucco, replacement of the original cupola removed as part of subsequent renovations, and retention and restoration of the front entry porch and stairs.

The Commission inquired regarding the completion date for the project and the location of parking.

Staff advised that the building schedule is dependent on contracts and there will be a combination of surface and underground parking.

5. **REPORT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LIU
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from the City Archivist** **Re: City of Burnaby Archives Annual Report 2018**

The City Archivist submitted the 2018 Annual Report of the City of Burnaby Archives.

The City Archivist recommended:

1. THAT the report be received for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT the recommendation of the City Archivist be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission inquired regarding the exact location of the City Archives and lack of a large warehouse storage space on the City's premises.

Staff advised that the Archives is located in the back area of McGill Burnaby Public Library and that current off-site storage is viable and cost-effective.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Harry Pride – Articles about Burnaby's History

Commissioner Pride advised that he has received a permission from the Burnaby Public Library to display a collection of articles on Burnaby's history that were not included in the School Book Project, and inquired regarding binding of the articles.

The Chair advised Commissioner Pride to work with the City Archives staff on the project.

Staff undertook to follow-up.

Deborah Tuyttens – Burnaby Village Museum Updates

Ms. Tuyttens, Museum Services Supervisor, provided the following updates:

- the Museum had a good Christmas season despite the poor weather and power outage;
- the Museum will be open during the spring break for 12 days with a new scavenger hunt;
- blacksmithing and kitchen classics courses are full;
- the main exhibit in 2019 will focus on the Chinese-Canadian migration and Burnaby's early Chinese-Canadian residents; and
- staff are collaborating with the University of British Columbia and Asian Migration Studies Program regarding research on an herbalist shop.

7. INQUIRIES

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

Based on the Committee's earlier request the staff presentation was heard at this time.

3. PRESENTATION

a) The Arts and Crafts Movement in Vancouver...and Burnaby! Presenter: Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner

Mr. Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner, presented information on the history of Arts and Crafts Movement in Vancouver and Burnaby.

Mr. Wolf noted that many early English and American architects who came to Vancouver were followers of the principles of the Arts and Crafts Movement which originated in London, England in mid-1800s.

The speaker highlighted and shared photographs of prominent architects, workers, and heritage structures they worked on locally, including the following:

- Samuel Maclure, British Columbia's first homegrown architect and architect of the "Sprott" House in Burnaby and "Gabriola" House in Vancouver;
- Ross Lort, an expert draughtsman, who drew the plans for "Peter" House in Burnaby;
- R. M. Fripp, architect of the "Ceperley" House in Burnaby and founder of the Arts and Crafts Association of British Columbia in 1900;
- E. Stanley Mitton, architect of the "H.L. Simmonds" Residence in Vancouver's Shaughnessy neighbourhood;
- James and Charles Bloomfield, who were first in Vancouver to create stained glass and worked on "Gabriola" House;

- William Morris, designer of stained glass in “Overlynn” House in Burnaby and “Aberthau” House in Vancouver;
- John Willis Bruce, a stone sculptor who completed the exterior carving and a sandstone fireplace mantle at “Gabriola” House and carved the Vancouver Courthouse lions;
- George S. Gibson, a master carver who worked on “Ceperley” and “Overlynn” houses;
- John Blair and John Reid of the Westminster Iron Works who designed the Provincial Hospital gates in New Westminster, “Poppy Gate” at “Aberthau” House, and “Mathers” House gates and the Central Park gate in Burnaby;
- Charles Marega, sculptor of the lions at the Lions Gate Bridge and who also worked on “Tweedale Block”, the “World Building”, and the “Allen Theatre” in Vancouver; and
- Alfred Huggett and W.G. Ferguson, architectural craftsmen and decorators, who worked on “Brenchley” and “E.P. Davis” houses in Vancouver and “Overlynn” House.

In conclusion, Mr. Wolf noted that Vancouver and Burnaby residents had access to arts and crafts furniture, artistic lighting, and art tiles locally at businesses such as Woodward’s, Restmore Furniture, Electrical Construction Company, and William O’Neill & Co.

Arising from discussion, the Commission expressed interest in touring “Overlynn” House on the Seton Villa property.

Staff recommended that a future meeting of the Commission be held at the City Archives and include a tour of “Overlynn” House prior to the meeting. Staff undertook to follow-up.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 07:27 p.m.

Nikolina Vracar
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR