



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 June 06** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
Ms. Karin Alzner, Parks, Rec. & Culture Commission Rep.
Ms. Diane Gillis, Citizen 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: Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Museum Services Supervisor
Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner
Ms. Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner
Ms. Monica MacDonald, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the unceded, traditional, and ancestral lands of the hən̓q̓əmiṇəm and sk̓wx̓wú7mesh speaking people, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared Coast Salish territory.

2. MINUTES

- a) **Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2019 April 04**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2019 April 04 be adopted.

- amended

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

THAT item 3b), point 3 of paragraph 3 of the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2019 April 04 be **AMENDED** to read "...and the University of British Columbia Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies Program - staff developed an exhibition..."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2019 April 04 be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATION

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIU

THAT the presentation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Ceperley (Fairacres) Estate Grounds
Presenter: Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner

Ms. Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Ceperley (Fairacres) Estate (Burnaby Art Gallery and surrounding area), as well as an update regarding the area's current development plan and potential conservation opportunities.

Ms. Codd advised that in 1909 Henry and Grace Ceperley purchased the estate and, shortly thereafter, developed the property which had been a strawberry farm into a grand country estate they called "Fairacres". The Ceperleys were trendsetters - once their home was constructed, other mansions such as the Anderson Residence, Altnadene (Mather's House) and Avalon House (Hart House Restaurant) were built.

The speaker noted that Henry Ceperley was a leading real estate developer from Vancouver and Grace was his second wife who came with her own fortune and managed the development of Fairacres. The estate was 20 acres and included:

- a raspberry and strawberry field, meadow, and three lawns (the front lawn covered an area where Century Gardens and the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts are now located);
- vegetable, rock and water gardens, and greenhouse;
- orchard, rose arbour, nut tree grove, and aviary;
- croquet lawn, tennis court, pavilion, and boat house and pier; and,
- outbuildings (still existing) - Chauffeur's Cottage, Root House and Steam Plant, and Garage and Stables.

In 1939 the property was sold to the Benedictines. The monks continued to farm the land and built a gymnasium, which was later converted into the James Cowan Theatre when the property was acquired by the City in 1966. Also at this time, the mansion was renovated and became the Burnaby Art Gallery and Century Gardens was created. This marks the beginning of the transition from private country estate to today's Deer Lake Park which, in addition to the heritage buildings, includes civic facilities such as City Hall, the RCMP and Justice buildings, and the cultural precinct.

The speaker provided a brief overview of the planned Deer Lake Parkway Re-Alignment and Multi-Use Pathway project and its potential impact on the Fairacres Estate. Ms. Codd advised that it may be opportune to designate landscape features and take care of some conservation matters, such as re-creating a second stone gate post to match the one remaining gate post (formerly part of the estate's entry gate) and undertaking improvements to Century Gardens.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT a report be prepared outlining a conservation plan for the Fairacres Estate that will include designation of landscape features, including the entry gate and greenhouse foundation walls, and improvements to Century Gardens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Memorandum from the City Archivist

Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update

A memorandum was received from Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist, providing an update regarding the City Archives' renovation project. Ms. Pasch advised that the renovated space at the Archives will provide the following:

- dedicated scanning areas and appropriate staff work space;
- a private area to receive donations from community members and review Freedom of Information requests; and,
- an increase in research space in the Pixie McGeachie Reading Room.

5. REPORTS

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIU

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 23
(Burnaby Civic Employees) Centenary

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing information on the centenary of Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 23 (Burnaby Civic Employees), and identifying opportunities for the City to support commemoration of this anniversary.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend Council support and assist in celebrating the centenary of Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 23 (Burnaby Civic Employees), as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report.
2. THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend Council issue a proclamation in September 2019 to mark the centenary of Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 23 (Burnaby Civic Employees).
3. THAT an allocation of up to \$2,600 be authorized for expenditure from the 2019 Boards, Committees and Council budget for the civic sponsored projects and programs for this public event.
4. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the President of Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 23 (Burnaby Civic Employees).

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Waterways of Burnaby Map

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking authorization to produce an updated Waterways of Burnaby map.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the update and unveiling of the revised Waterways of Burnaby Map, as outlined in this report.
2. THAT an allocation of up to \$7,000 be authorized for expenditure from the 2019 Boards, Committees and Council budget.
3. THAT Council send a copy of this report to the Environment and Social Planning Committee for their information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIU

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Heritage Alteration Permit
W.J. Mathers House "Altnadene"
6450 Deer Lake Avenue (Shadbolt Centre for the Arts)

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking approval to issue a Heritage Alteration Permit for this designated heritage site.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve issuance of a Heritage Alteration Permit for the W.J. Mathers House located at 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) **Report from the Director Planning and Building**
Re: Chinese Canadian History in Burnaby Project

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report to initiate a project to research the history of Chinese migration to Burnaby and the contributions of Chinese Canadians to the development of Burnaby.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT an expenditure of up to \$85,000 be approved from Gaming Funds for a multi-year project to expand knowledge of, and access to, the history of Chinese migration to Burnaby, and the contributions of Chinese Canadians to the development of Burnaby.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Lisa Codd - Heritage Plaques Update

Ms. Codd, Heritage Planner, provided information regarding the names of plaques to be installed, as well as the timing and location of their installations.

Lisa Codd - School Board History Book Project

Ms. Codd, Heritage Planner, stated that the graphics designer is getting the book print-ready. Further, the Printshop staff have advised that the cost of printing each book would be \$85. Ms. Codd noted that at that cost, only 35 books can be printed within the approved budget.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT staff report to the Committee with information on options to increase the distribution of the Burnaby School Board history book, including printing additional copies and producing a digital publication that can be accessed online.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deborah Tuyttens - Burnaby Village Museum

Ms. Tuyttens, Museum Services Supervisor, provided an update on the 2019 Canada Day and Labour Day events scheduled at the Museum.

Commissioner Liu - 2019 Heritage BC Annual Conference

Commissioner Liu advised that both he and Ms. Codd attended the Heritage BC Annual Conference which was held in Nanaimo on 2019 May 9-11. Commissioner Liu noted that approximately 150 people attended from around the province. He provided a brief summary of his experience and recommended that Commission members consider attending the Conference next year.

Councillor Jordan - Picken House (6825 Cariboo Road)

Councillor Jordan advised that the Stream of Dreams Murals Society is the current tenant of Picken House. Picken House, on the Burnaby Community Heritage Register, had been vacant for long periods of time.

Councillor Jordan - Winnipeg General Strike Anecdote

Councillor Jordan advised that 2019 June 10 marks the 100th anniversary that William Pritchard, the City's later-to-be reeve, was arrested and put in jail along with seven other activists for his involvement with the Winnipeg General Strike. Councillor Jordan further noted that an audio record of a 1970s interview with Mr. Pritchard by a university professor, Norm Penner, is on the Heritage Burnaby website. Mr. Penner wrote a book about the strike and included William Pritchard's speech which he gave at the Winnipeg General Strike trial. His son, Bob Penner (former pollster and strategist for numerous NDP elections), is re-publishing the book and is referring to Heritage Burnaby website for information and photographs.

7. **INQUIRIES**

Commissioner Gillis - Heritage Designation

Commissioner Gillis inquired regarding the qualifying age of residences for heritage designation.

Mr. Wolf advised that the qualifying age for heritage designation can vary and is subject to the approval of the Commission. He added that most of the inventory is pre-World War II.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT this Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Monica MacDonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR