



## **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

An Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission was held in the City Archives, Program Room, McGill Library, 4595 Albert Street, Burnaby, B.C. on **Thursday, 2019 November 28** at 6:00 p.m.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair  
Ms. Karin Alzner, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Representative  
Ms. Diane Gillis, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus  
Mr. Richard Liu, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Lee Loftus, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Roger Whitehouse, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair  
Councillor James Wang, Member  
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian

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

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Jordan, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nq̓əmin̓ə́m and Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

## 2. PRESENTATION

- a) **Tour of the City Archives and the McGill Public Library**  
**Presenters: Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist, and**  
**Jorge Cardenas, Acting Branch Manager, McGill Library**

**Ms. Rebecca Pasch**, City Archivist, provided an exhibition and description of a sampling of records held in the City Archives, including how they have been accessed, and highlighted some of the research requests made over the years.

Following the demonstration, Ms. Pasch led a tour through the Archives which included the renovated office space, Pixie McGeachie Reading Room, and cold storage area.

At the end of the Archives visit, **Mr. Jorge Cardenas**, Acting Branch Manager, provided a tour of the McGill Library.

The Committee returned to the Program Room to resume the meeting.

## 3. MINUTES

- a) **Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open**  
**meeting held on 2019 September 05**

**MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER**  
**SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS**

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2019 September 05 be adopted.

- amended

**MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER**  
**SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARCHIONI**

THAT item 6, first sentence under *2020 Work Plan and Budget Process* be **AMENDED** to read, as follows: "...in the Planning Department budget process to secure resources to implement heritage projects."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER**  
**SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARCHIONI**

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2019 September 05 be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Correspondence from the BC Labour Heritage Centre  
Re: Pacific Northwest Labour History Association  
52nd Annual Conference - 2020 May 9-10, Vancouver**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Joey Hartman, Chair, BC Labour Heritage Centre calling for proposals for participation in the Pacific Northwest Labour History Association's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference to be held 2020 May 9-10 in Vancouver.

b) **Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building  
Re: Proposed Program for the Pacific Northwest Labour  
History Association Conference on 2020 May 9-10**

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building in response to correspondence from the BC Labour Heritage Centre - item 4a), outlining a proposed program for City participation in the Conference.

Arising from discussion and without objection by any member, the Commission requested staff submit a proposal to the BC Labour Heritage Centre; and, if accepted, prepare a report seeking approval to participate in the Pacific Northwest Labour History Association Conference in Vancouver in 2020 May.

Staff undertook to follow up.

c) **Memorandum from the City Archivist  
Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update**

A memorandum was received from the City Archivist providing an update on activities and initiatives at the City Archives, and noted the following:

- The Legal Department, the Office of the City Clerk and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department transferred 35 boxes of records to the Archives in 2019, which are now being processed.
- Approximately one quarter of the Archives' born-digital records have been processed, with over 4,400 files (550 GB) converted to preservation formats and stored in secure remote and local network storage.

d) **Memorandum from the Museum Services Supervisor  
Re: Burnaby Village Museum – Update**

A memorandum was received from the Museum Services Supervisor providing an update on the activities at the Burnaby Village Museum (BVM), and noted the following:

- The *Indigenous History in Burnaby Resource Guide*, developed in collaboration with a number of First Nations partners, was launched in the fall of 2019. The Guide provides an overview of hə́nqəmiḥə́m and Skwxwú7mesh history in Burnaby and was used by 500 students during an Indigenous Learning Week at the BVM. Printed copies are being distributed to all Burnaby schools and branches of the Public Library. A downloadable version is available on the BVM website.
- The Christmas season presented by Concord Pacific, will run 2019 November 23 to 2020 January 3 - the launch of *Heritage Christmas* taking place on November 30th with a special Tree Lighting Ceremony. Proceeds of carousel tickets sales made will be donated to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, with Concord Pacific matching sales to double the donation total.

**e) Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk**  
**Re: Dutch Liberation Canadian Society 2020**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that, at the Open Council meeting held on 2019 September 09, Ms. Adriana Zylmans, President, and Mr. Erik van der Ven, Vice President, Dutch Liberation Canadian Society 2020, appeared as a delegation and provided an overview of the Society's mission, and events planned for 2020 to thank and honour Canada and its veterans for their contributions to end World War II in Europe.

Staff advised that the Society has applied for a Community Grant in support of the 2020 events.

**f) Memorandum from Administrative Officer 2**  
**Re: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada - Update on 'Calls to Action' for Local Government**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer 2 advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2019 October 07, adopted the above noted report providing an update on implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action for local governments, as well as approved an annual expenditure of \$10,000 to fund reconciliation related activities.

The Chair advised that Council received a presentation on Local Government First Nations Reconciliation from Patrick Kelly, member of the Leq'á:mel First Nation.

The Commission inquired regarding the benefit of having a similar session to provide information on what Commission could be doing from a heritage perspective.

Arising from discussion, the Commission introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE

THAT staff explore and develop a program on how the Commission can further address and advance Truth and Reconciliation through its work.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further, the Commission requested staff provide copies of the *Indigenous History in Burnaby Resource Guide*.

Staff undertook to follow up.

**g) Memorandum from Administrative Officer 2**  
**Re: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada - 'Calls to Action' for Local Government - Proposed Framework for Further Action**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer 2 advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2019 November 18, adopted the above noted report proposing a framework for further action regarding the City's efforts to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 'Calls to Action' for Local Government.

**5. REPORT**

**a) Report from the Director Planning and Building**  
**Re: Community Heritage Commission 2019 Overview and Two Year Work Plan**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing a summary of activities of the Heritage Program for 2019, and outlining a two year work plan for 2020 and 2021.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Community Heritage Commission approve the work plan for 2020 and 2021 as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report.
2. THAT the report be advanced to Council for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MARCHIONI  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIU

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission referred to Section 4.2.1 and inquired regarding including the printing of a second edition of *Tram Memories in Celebration of the Restoration of Interurban Tram 1223* to the list of publication projects.

Staff advised that the *Friends of the Interurban 1223* published the book and, as the Society no longer exists, it is not clear as to whether the City can publish a second edition.

Staff undertook to follow up.

The Commission stated they would like more long term, strategic planning and time-lines; as well as better connect and partner with youth to ensure heritage information is being passed on to all students.

Staff advised that the *Official Community Plan Review*, will provide greater strategic planning, including an opportunity to address a heritage strategy.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

7. **INQUIRIES**

**Councillor Jordan – Preserving WWII Stories**

Councillor Jordan referred to two presentations made at the Edmonds Community Centre Remembrance Day ceremony about personal and unique family stories of veterans from WWII, and inquired regarding collecting and preserving other stories like these.

Staff advised that this project falls under Sections 4.2.2 of the Two Year Work Plan which includes a goal to build partnerships.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE**

**SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS**

THAT this Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Monica Macdonald  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Colleen Jordan  
CHAIR