



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION M I N U T E S

**Thursday, September 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair *(participated electronically)*
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Member *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Karin Alzner, Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission Representative
Ms Diane Gillis, Resident Representative
Mr. Richard Liu, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Lee Loftus, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Resident Representative
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Roger Whitehouse, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
- ABSENT:** Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Resident Representative
- STAFF:** Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner
Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist
Ms. Deborah Tuytten, Cultural Heritage Manager
Ms. Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner
Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer
Ms. Shelly Reinhart, Council Support Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Commission meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and conducted the roll call. The following members participated electronically: Councillor Wang, Councillor Calendino, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Pride, and Commissioner Whitehouse.

For the benefit of members participating electronically, the Chair reviewed the staff present at the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Jordan, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmiṇəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

The Chair recognized the sudden passing of Councillor Paul McDonnell who, as a long-time member on the Commission, will be greatly missed. The Chair advised that, as a result of the vacancy, Councillor Wang has been appointed Vice Chair and Councillor Calendino as a new Member, and welcomed Councillor Calendino to the Commission.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2020 June 18

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER GILLIS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIU

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2020 June 18 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from the discussion, the Chair referred to the training on identification and stewardship of Indigenous heritage resources that had been planned for the Commission, and advised that the training will be postponed until it is possible for all members to attend in person.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Heritage Program Updates

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building providing an update on the following heritage initiatives advanced through the Community Heritage Commission:

Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA): Lonsdale Guardhouse, Residence, 6985 Canada Way - an HRA has been entered into between the City and the owners of the property, and the residence is now protected through a Heritage Designation Bylaw. A need to amend the HRA was recently identified, and a report recommending the amendment is being advanced directly to Council for approval. A copy of the Council report will be provided to the Commission.

Civic Monument Review: staff have been conducting site visits to review the City's cenotaphs and heritage landscape features, noting deterioration and loss of mortar, discolouration of stonework, and loss of material. Consultant services are being retained to assess the physical condition of the features, provide recommendations for maintenance, and identify interventions. Staff will provide a report to the Commission on the assessment outcome once it is completed.

3.2 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 since the 2020 June 18 meeting.

Ms. Pasch advised that the Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) was one of the first "in-person" visitors to the Archives following the re-instatement this summer of in-person visits. Staff assisted the BAC in accessing records stored at the Archives in support of an exhibit in the Deer Lake Gallery entitled *50th Anniversary Exhibition: Art Since 1970*, which opened on 2020 September 05.

Further, staff advised that for the first time there will be three permanent staff at the City Archives.

3.3 Memorandum from the Cultural Heritage Manager - Re: Burnaby Village Museum Updates

A memorandum was received from the Cultural Heritage Manager providing an update on the Burnaby Village Museum (BVM) program.

Ms. Tuytens advised that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the BVM has been operating in a limited capacity; further, attendance numbers for the 2020 Summer Season (July 15 - September 6) was less this year at 7,634 people, compared to the 2019 Summer Season attendance numbers which were 26,972.

Ms. Tuytens provided information on the Neighbourhood Speaker Series which is being presented in partnership with the Burnaby Public Library. This interactive Series features a range of historical and cultural topics by local speakers virtually, and takes place over a number of evenings in 2020 September and October.

The Chair advised that the BVM and the Kwantlen, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations recently received an award of Outstanding Achievement (in the category of *Education - for programming that advances knowledge and understanding by reaching new audiences or enhancing existing ones*) from the Canadian Museum Association, for the Indigenous History in Burnaby Resource Guide project.

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 **Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Protection and Preservation of the Alta Vista Reservoir Vent - 5172 McKee Street**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking authorization to conserve and designate the Alta Vista Reservoir Vent as a civic heritage feature.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the re-installation of the Alta Vista Reservoir Vent at 5172 McKee Street, as outlined in this report.
2. THAT Council request staff to prepare a Heritage Designation Bylaw for the Alta Vista Reservoir Vent to be advanced to First Reading and to a Public Hearing at a future date.
3. THAT Council approve the addition of the Alta Vista Reservoir Vent to the Burnaby Community Heritage Register as a "protected" heritage landmark.
4. THAT Council forward a copy of this report to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for their information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 **Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Adaptive Re-Use for Fairacres Garage and Stables Building**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking authorization for the use of Gaming Reserves to finance design work to support the adaptive re-use of the Fairacres Garage and Stables building at 6344 Deer Lake Avenue.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend Council authorize staff to advance the adaptive re-use of the Fairacres Garage and Stables building into design development, subject to funding approval as outlined in this report,
2. THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend Council authorize the use of Gaming Reserves in the amount of \$125,000 to finance further design, as outlined in this report.

3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

4. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Financial Management Committee for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

6. **INQUIRIES**

Commissioner Whitehouse – Reprinting of the Tram Memories Book

Commissioner Whitehouse inquired regarding the reprinting of *Tram Memories: In Celebration of Restoration of Interurban 1223*.

Staff advised that the reprinting of the book, which will be printed together with *Inkwells to Internet: A History of Burnaby Schools*, is planned for this fall.

Commissioner Alzner – Childcare Centre for City Employees

Commissioner Alzner inquired regarding the follow up report to the Childcare Centre for City Employees report submitted to Council on 2020 May 25.

The Chair advised that the follow up report is pending.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the Community Heritage Commission meeting adjourn at 5:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER