



## COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION M I N U T E S

Thursday, November 12, 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 and Culture Commission Representative  
Mr. Richard Liu, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)  
Mr. Lee Loftus, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)  
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian (*participated electronically*)  
Mr. Roger Whitehouse, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)

ABSENT Ms. Diane Gillis, Resident Representative  
Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Resident Representative  
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus

STAFF: Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist  
Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Cultural Heritage Manager  
Ms. Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner  
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Samantha Thompson, Council Support Assistant

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following members participated electronically: Councillor Calendino, Councillor Wang, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Pride, and Commissioner Whitehouse.

For the benefit of those participating electronically, the Chair read out the names of members and staff physically present.

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

The Chair advised that there was a late item of correspondence and introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

THAT the item of correspondence from the Administrative Officer entitled *Archaeological Policy Framework*, be added to the agenda as Item 4.5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. **MINUTES**

### 2.1 **Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2020 September 10**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LIU  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALZNER

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held on 2020 September 10 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **PRESENTATIONS**

### 3.1 **Chinese Canadian History Research Project**

**Denise Fong**, Planning Assistant 2, provided a presentation on the Chinese Canadian History Research Project, a three-year project led by the City of Burnaby's Heritage Planning program and initiated by the Community Heritage Commission.

The project is comprised of three phases as follows:

- Phase 1 – Resource Guide;
- Phase 2 – Big Bend farm tour; and
- Phase 3 – Creation of a publication.

Ms. Fong advised that the project is currently in Phase 1 – Resource Guide. The concept behind the resource guide is to deliver a digital publication that organizes and presents stories, photos and digital resources about Burnaby's Chinese

Canadian history. The guide will be available in PDF format and downloadable from the Heritage Burnaby website. Similar to the Burnaby History and Indigenous History resource guides produced by the Burnaby Village Museum, the Chinese Canadian History guide will serve as a one-stop topical resource guide for teachers and school-aged children. The following outlines the resource guide:

- Historical background
- Early Arrival
- Diverse Labour Force
- Family Networks
- Chinese Canadian Veterans
- Family Farms
- Selling Produce
- Restaurants

The resource guide is currently in the research and writing phase. The current focus is to identify Chinese Canadian corner stores and green grocers in Burnaby, as well as expand upon research on farms in the Big Bend.

In conclusion, Ms. Fong advised the 3 Phases will draw upon new research plus existing resources developed since 2017, including videos, oral histories, podcasts, an image archive, and other primary and secondary documentation.

### **3.2 Bainbridge and Lochdale Urban Village Community Plans**

**Andrew Yu**, Community Planner, provided an overview of Phase 1 of the Bainbridge and Lochdale Urban Village Community Plans. The Bainbridge and Lochdale neighbourhoods are located in the northeast quadrant of the City.

Mr. Yu stated that the Community Plans are being developed in three phases, each concluding with a program of public engagement. The phases and their timelines, are as follows:

- Phase 1: Goals and Land Use Framework - 2020 October - November;
- Phase 2: Policy Directions - early 2021; and,
- Phase 3: Draft Community Plan - Mid 2021.

The speaker advised that Phase 1 includes seven preliminary goals, as well as a framework for future land use. The goals and themes include the following:

- community character and identity;
- local economy and employment;
- built form and community design;
- environmental sustainability;
- housing, community amenities and services;
- public realm, parks and open spaces; and,

- mobility and connectivity.

Mr. Yu provided the following update.

### **Bainbridge Urban Village Community Plan**

The Bainbridge area is currently industrial and suburban in character, and comprised of industrial sites, single use commercial areas, and lower density housing and single family homes.

The framework envisions a village centre, as well as a mixed-use corridor along Lougheed Highway. Surrounding these areas would be a residential area, which could be expanded to the east and north.

**Lisa Codd**, Heritage Planner, provided historical information on the Bainbridge area which has always acted as a crossroads for transportation within the City. Located in an area with waterways such as Still Creek, Burnaby Lake, and Deer Lake; as well as the Railway, Lougheed Highway and extensive trail networks, it has seen many forms of transportation throughout its history. Today, the area remains a central hub for transportation with Skytrain, Sperling Avenue, Winston Street and Lougheed Highway, the Railway, and an extensive trail networking system which includes the Central Valley Greenway.

### **Lochdale Urban Village Community Plan**

The Lochdale area is similar to the Bainbridge neighbourhood. It is suburban in character and includes the Kensington Square Shopping Centre, Westridge Elementary School, Lochdale Community Hall, as well as Kensington, Westridge and Lou Moro Parks. In addition to commercial and institutional land use, the area is comprised by a variety of residential uses including single and two family homes.

The framework also envisions a village centre along Hastings Street, as well as a smaller neighbourhood mixed-use area near Barnet Road and Pandora Drive. There is an opportunity to expand the community plan to include residential areas south of Hastings Street and east of Cliff Avenue, as well as south of Ridge Drive.

Mr. Yu advised that potential heritage opportunities exist within these two urban plans. There is an opportunity to tell the histories of these communities to inform residents, and to help identify what makes these places unique. There is the ability within the plan to advance policy and potentially protect or improve buildings and places with heritage value. There is additional opportunity to explore approaches to create a strong connection to community history and sense of place, including public art, wayfinding, creative land uses, or adaptive reuse of existing buildings.

In conclusion, Mr. Yu advised that the next step will be to review public feedback for key themes, and develop community plan policy directions and draft land use designations. Further public engagement will begin in early 2021.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **4.1 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 initiatives advanced through the Community Heritage Commission (CHC):

Civic Monument Review - Iredale Architecture has been retained to conduct a review of civic monuments and landscape features within the City's Parks.

Adaptive Re-Use of Fairacres Garage & Stables - \$125,000 from the Gaming Reserves has been earmarked for design development of the adaptive re-use of the Fairacres Garage and Stables building. The services of a heritage architect will be retained to produce schematic designs and cost estimates for re-use of the ground floor of the building as visual arts programming space and administrative office on the second storey.

Alta Vista Reservoir Vent - Council adopted the CHC's recommendation for protection and preservation of the Alta Vista Reservoir Vent. Staff have constructed a weather-proof cover for the vent until the repair and conservation work is completed in spring 2021.

##### **4.2 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 September 10 meeting, and noted the following:

- Public research requests have outnumbered City staff requests by 217% over the past four months.
- Artists like internationally recognized Ken Lum, whose work is on display at the Edmonds and Kingsway intersection; as well as individuals participating in art-related projects, like Nathan Lee who received an award for his Public Art proposal, often use the Archives as a resource when conducting research for their endeavors.
- Previously donated organizational records from the Burnaby Artist Guild are now available on [heritageburnaby.ca](http://heritageburnaby.ca)

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

A memorandum was received from the Cultural Heritage Manager providing an update on activities and initiatives at the Burnaby Village Museum since the 2020 September 10 meeting, and noted the following:

- will open for Heritage Christmas in a reduced capacity from 2020 November 21 to 2020 December 18.
- announced the re-opening of the newly renovated Way Wang Yuen Wat Kee & Co Herbalist exhibit.
- newly renovated Indigenous Learning House re-opening this winter 2021

**4.4 Memorandum from the Acting City Clerk - Re: Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw Lonsdale Guardhouse Residence - 6985 Canada Way**

A memorandum was received from the Acting City Clerk advising that, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 September 28, Council adopted a motion to authorize the preparation of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw to amend the Heritage Revitalization Agreement for the Lonsdale Guardhouse Residence.

**4.5 Memorandum from the Administrative Officer Re: Archaeological Policy Framework**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 November 09, Council adopted the recommendations contained in the above noted report. The report provided information relating to the creation of an archaeological policy framework for Burnaby.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councillor Jordan – Jim Wolf Retirement**

Councillor Jordan expressed best wishes for Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner at the announcement of his retirement.

6. **INQUIRIES**

**Councillor Jordan – Heritage Memories – Armed Forces**

Chair Jordan inquired if staff would look into a small project where Burnaby could commemorate citizens and their relationship with people that have served in the armed forces.

Staff undertook to follow up.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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CHAIR

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER