



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION M I N U T E S

Thursday, February 11, 2021, 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. Rainy Kent, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission
Representative
Mr. Richard Liu, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Lee Loftus, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Tammy Marchioni, Resident Representative
Mr. Roger Whitehouse, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*

ABSENT: Ms Diane Gillis, Resident Representative
Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
Mr. Harry Pride, Historian

STAFF: Ms. Deborah Tuytens, Cultural Heritage Manager
Ms. Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner
Ms. Alix Nay, Assistant City Archivist
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer

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, Mr. Liu, Mr. Loftus, and Mr. 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 hən̓qəmin̓əm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2020 November 12

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MARCHIONI
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting held on 2020 November 12 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Capitol Hill Community Hall

Ms. Lisa Codd, Heritage Planner, provided a presentation on the history of Capitol Hill Community Hall. The Capitol Hill Community Hall Association was formed in 1912 with the goal of constructing its own community hall. This was in the middle of a significant population growth in Burnaby with the coming of the streetcar in 1913.

Ms. Codd noted that the Capitol Hill Community Hall that we know today was eventually built at 316 Howard Avenue. The municipality provided the land and some of the construction materials, but the Community provided the labour, and furnishings. The hall was constructed as a non-partisan public space to serve a variety of community groups, including groups with different political views and religious affiliations. Commission member Ruby Johnson was a member of the Association.

Ms. Codd advised that the Hall has served an important role in civic life as a voting station and location for All Candidates' meetings, in addition to being used to conduct meetings and social events for the Capitol Hill Community Hall Association and other community groups.

The hall is listed on the City's heritage inventory. The City has been maintaining an inventory of heritage buildings and resources since 1990. The Capitol Hill Community Hall was added during an update of the inventory initiated in 2005 and published in 2007.

In 2020, staff responded to requests from the Community Hall Association to consider implementing upgrades to the hall to improve accessibility, including upgrading washroom and kitchen facilities.

In conclusion, Ms. Codd advised that a concept plan and costing was completed in 2020, and in 2021 work will begin to plan and implement upgrades to the interior and exterior to support greater accessibility including:

- Upgraded washrooms and kitchen
- Exterior improvements to make it easier to enter and exit the building.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence from Heritage BC - Re: Heritage Week 2021 Feb. 15-21

Correspondence was received from Heritage BC announcing Heritage Week from 2021 February 15 – 21 and advising that information on virtual events planned for the week could be found at www.heritagebc.ca.

4.2 Correspondence from Mr. Piero Ferronato - Re: Hilltop Grocery and Douglas Road

Correspondence was received from Mr. Piero Ferronato, regarding Hilltop Grocery and Douglas Road.

Mr. Ferronato requested that the Commission consider adding the former grocery store located at 3698 Douglas Road to the Heritage Inventory.

Further, Mr. Ferronato inquired if the Commission would consider pursuing some sort of special designation for Douglas Road, such as heritage sign markers, in the course of planning of future upgrades to the road.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE

THAT this item of business be **REFERRED** to staff for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Correspondence from Burnaby Heights Merchants Association - Re Eagle Ford Sign

Correspondence was received from Ms. Isabel Kolic, Executive Director of The Heights Merchant Association (HMA), regarding the Eagle Ford sign. The sign,

which dates back to circa 1950, was purchased by the City of Burnaby in 2012. The correspondence included an invitation to the City of Burnaby to enter discussions with the HMA on if, how and when to restore the "eagle" neon sign, and where it should be positioned.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this item of business be **REFERRED** to staff for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 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 November 10 meeting and noted the following:

- The Burnaby Village Museum is hosting its annual Neighbourhood Speaker Series, in partnership with Burnaby Public Libraries.
- The spring series will be hosted in late April and early May, and will focus on "Indigenous Voices".
- The Burnaby Village Museum is planning to provide a limited opening for Spring Break from 2021 March 15 - March 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. On-line reservations will be required and will be available on 2021 March 8, for sign-up each hour.

4.5 Memorandum from the Director of 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):

Great Northern Railway Disaster Commemorative Plaque

On 2020 November 23, the City received reports from the public that the plaque commemorating the Great Northern Railway Disaster of 1909, had been vandalized. The City's Anti-Graffiti Coordinator was able to have the paint removed with no damage to the plaque. The incident was reported to the RCMP.

Civic Monument Review

Heritage consultants, Iredale Architecture, were retained to conduct a review of civic monuments and landscape features within the City's Parks. The outcome of the assessment will be shared with the Community Heritage Commission at a future meeting.

Publication Program

The book, *Inkwells to Internet: A History of Burnaby Schools*, has been printed and will be formally launched during Heritage Week in February. The launch will include distribution of complimentary copies to Burnaby schools and libraries.

The publication, *Tram Memories: In celebration of the Restoration of Interurban 1223*, has been reprinted.

Both publications are available for sale through Burnaby Village Museum and have been digitized and available through the Heritage Burnaby website at www.heritageburnaby.ca. A \$1,300 donation from sales of the first 100 copies of *Inkwells to Internet* sold in 2021 was made to the Burnaby Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship and Bursary fund managed by the Vancity Community Foundation.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Report from the City Archivist – Re: City of Burnaby Archives Annual Report 2020

The City Archivist submitted the 2020 Annual Report of the City of Burnaby Archives.

The City Archivist recommended:

1. THAT the report be received for information.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LIU

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARCHIONI

THAT the recommendation of the City Archivist be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Report from the Director Planning and Building – Re: Heritage Program Update for 2021

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report outlining the activities for the Heritage Program for 2020 and identifying work plan initiatives for 2021.

Activities for 2021 include a review of the Heritage Program as part of an overall review of Burnaby's Official Community Plan and continuing work to raise public awareness of Burnaby's history and heritage resources.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

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

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITEHOUSE

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought forward at this time.

7. INQUIRIES

Councillor Jordan - Ron McLean Park

Councillor Jordan inquired as to whom Ron McLean Park was named after.

Staff undertook to follow up and provide information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Open Committee/Commission meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER