

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2021 November 1

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Reference: CHC Projects - General

SUBJECT: HERITAGE PROGRAM 2-YEAR WORK PLAN FOR 2022 AND 2023

PURPOSE: To outline a two-year work plan for the Community Heritage Commission's Heritage Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 for information.

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

At its 2021 February 11 meeting, the Community Heritage Commission (CHC) received an update on the Heritage Program 2-Year Work Plan for 2020-2021. The update included a commitment to advance a work plan for 2022-23 at the 2021 November 18 meeting.

The purpose of the CHC is to advise Council on matters concerning the identification, management and preservation and/or restoration of buildings and sites with historical significance in Burnaby. Over the past 33 years, the CHC has identified and provided advice on matters concerning management and preservation of heritage resources in Burnaby.

The Heritage Program 2-Year Work Plan for 2022-23 will guide the City's heritage program to support conservation and management of heritage resources and recognition of civic heritage assets and historical events.

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2.0 POLICY SECTION

The heritage recognition and conservation activities included in this work plan align with the following Council-adopted plans and strategies: *Official Community Plan* (1998), *Corporate Strategic Plan* (2017), and *Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy* (2011).

3.0 2-YEAR WORK PLAN FOR 2022-2023

The introduction of a 2-year work plan for the heritage program in 2020 helped to align plans with the budget process and to maintain focus on priority items through the work plan period. A work plan for 2022-23 is therefore being advanced.

It is noted that a major project planned for 2022 is the Heritage Policy and Programs Review, which will help to guide the City's heritage programs and policies in the future. It is anticipated that this process will result in new work plan items and priorities for implementation. The 2022-23 work plan is therefore limited to core items that require commitment of resources in the five year financial plan, and completion of items in progress. This approach is intended to leave room in the work planning process for new priorities and initiatives determined by the policy and programs review.

A summary of the 2022-23 work plan is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1: 2022-23 Heritage Program Work Plan

PROJECT	STATUS
Heritage Conservation	
Review and advance heritage applications and update heritage inventory records	Ongoing
Complete the heritage policy and programs review	Underway
Review feasibility of restoring and reinstating the Eagle Ford neon sign	Underway
Advance repair, conservation, and interpretation of civic monuments	Underway
Complete the civic building safety and security review	Underway
Review and monitor works for the adaptive reuse of Fairacres Garage & Stables	Underway
Review and monitor restoration works at Mather's House	Underway
Review and monitor accessibility upgrades to Capitol Hill Community Hall, and develop and install interpretive signage	Underway
Review advisability and feasibility of designation of the South Burnaby Cenotaph	Underway

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PROJECT	STATUS
Heritage Recognition	
Manage sales and reprints of publications initiated through the CHC	Ongoing
Continue to advance the Chinese Canadian history research project	Underway
Complete the “Heritage on the Heights” walking tour map	Underway
Monitor, repair, and maintain heritage plaques and signs initiated by the CHC	Ongoing
Complete the CHC training session on stewardship of Indigenous heritage resources	Underway
Plan enhancements to the Deer Lake Park heritage signs	To be initiated
Develop an interpretive sign to commemorate the <i>Komagata Maru</i> and the recognize the long history of South Asian settlement in Burnaby	To be initiated

3.1 Heritage Conservation

The CHC advises Council on the conservation of a broad range of heritage resources, including those owned by the City, and those that are publically and privately owned.

3.1.1 Policy and Projects to Advance Conservation of Heritage Properties

Heritage Applications: Continue to review and advance heritage applications, including Heritage Revitalization Agreements, Heritage Designation Bylaws, and Heritage Alteration Permits, through the CHC, and update heritage inventory records.

Official Community Plan (OCP) Review: Participate in the review of the City’s heritage program in advance of the City’s update to the Official Community Plan. A Heritage Policy and Programs Review will be completed to inform the OCP update process for development of heritage policies.

Eagle Ford Neon Sign: Continue to review the feasibility of restoring and re-installing the Eagle Ford neon sign on Hastings Street as a protected heritage resource.

3.1.2 Stewardship of Civic Heritage Resources

Stewardship of Civic Monuments and Historic Landscape Features: Continue to advance repair, conservation and interpretation plans for cenotaphs and heritage landscape features as outlined in the *Preservation and Repair of Cenotaphs and Heritage Landscape Features* report advanced to CHC at its 2021 June 10 meeting. Priorities identified for 2022 and 2023 include repair and maintenance of several masonry features, including conservation of the Fairacres Entrance Gate and Fairacres Greenhouse Foundation Wall.

Civic Building Safety and Security Review: Complete the safety and security review for civic owned heritage buildings initiated in 2021. The goal of the review is to identify risks to the City's civic heritage resources in order to identify priorities to mitigate these risks.

3.1.3 Review and Monitoring of Conservation Projects in Progress for Civic Heritage Resources

Fairacres Estate (6344 Deer Lake Avenue): Review and monitor work for the adaptive re-use of the Fairacres Garage and Stables building as a visual arts studio and administrative offices.

Mather's House (6450 Deer Lake Avenue): Review and monitor restoration works at the Mather's House, which include restoration of the porte cochere, turret, and reception hall.

Capitol Hill Community Hall: Review and monitor accessibility upgrades to the hall, and develop and install interpretive signage outlining the history of the hall and the Capitol Hill Community Hall Association.

South Burnaby Cenotaph (6749 Nelson Avenue): Review the advisability and feasibility of designation of the South Burnaby Cenotaph as a protected heritage resource.

3.2 Heritage Recognition

The CHC advises Council on a range of heritage recognition initiatives, from interpretive signage and publications, to presentations and digital access initiatives. Recognition work includes research to identify and understand heritage resources and landmarks.

3.2.1 Publication Projects to Recognize Burnaby's Community Heritage

Publication Program: Continue to manage sales and reprints of publications initiated through the Community Heritage Commission, including *Inkwells to Internet: A History of Burnaby Schools*.

Chinese Canadian History in Burnaby: Publish and launch the Chinese Canadian history in Burnaby resource guide and a Big Bend farm tour map that includes the history of Chinese Canadian family farms.

Burnaby Heights Walking Tour Map: Complete a "Heritage on the Heights" walking tour map of North Burnaby to feature the diverse history of the Burnaby Heights neighbourhood.

3.2.2 Recognizing Burnaby's Diverse Community Heritage Through Partnerships and Interpretation

Partnerships: Continue to build partnerships to advance recognition and commemoration of the diverse stories of Burnaby's history, including First Nations and Indigenous histories.

Stewardship of Indigenous Heritage: Implement a training session for the CHC on identification and stewardship of Indigenous heritage resources.

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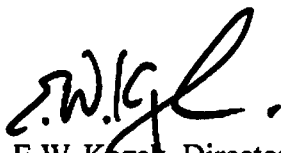
Signs and Plaques: Continue to monitor, repair and maintain the existing stock of heritage plaques and signs. Existing signs will continue to be updated to incorporate new research, meet the City's corporate brand standards, and improve durability, with updated content provided to the Community Heritage Commission and Council.

Deer Lake Park Heritage Signs: Plan enhancements to the Deer Lake Park heritage signs, including adding interpretation of the restored Fairacres Estate Gate and Fairacres Greenhouse Foundation Wall, and incorporation of a wider range of stories into the Deer Lake interpretive signs to reflect the diversity of the site's history.

Komagata Maru Commemoration: Develop, design, and install an interpretive sign to commemorate the *Komagata Maru* and recognize the long history of South Asian settlement in Burnaby. A recommendation to develop this sign was approved by Council at its 2021 April 20 meeting.

4.0 CONCLUSION

This report outlines key activities for inclusion in the Community Heritage Commission's 2-Year Work Plan for 2022 and 2023. It is recommended that the CHC receive the report for information purposes, and advance it to Council for information. It is also recommended that a copy be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.



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