



City of Surrey

Heritage Advisory Commission

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present:

B. Paton - Chair
R. Cammack
D. Bowyer
A. Clegg
C. Dragomir
R. Fuller
T. Menu
A. Stewart
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Staff Present:

A. Kopystynski, Planning & Development
B. Sommer, Parks, Recreation and Culture
G. Ward, Parks, Recreation and Culture
G. McDonald, Parks, Recreation and Culture
J. Boan, Engineering Development
K. Miller, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes - December 17, 2003

It was Moved by Commissioner Dragomir
Seconded by Commissioner Bowyer
That the minutes of the Heritage Advisory
Commission meeting held on December 17, 2003, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. PARKS RECREATION AND CULTURE

(a) Heritage Trees in Port Kells – Nominations

The Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs was in attendance to present information on City-owned heritage trees. One tree is owned by the School District.

The tree sub-committee met and reviewed the trees listed, and agreed that the trees were worthy of consideration and recommended that the trees be designated as heritage trees. The sub-committee also recommended that the Tree Preservation By-law be amended to include trees as Significant Trees in order to receive the highest order of protection under the By-law. The nominations underwent considerable evaluations, and were discussed as follows:

- Port Kells Park open area trees;

- Port Kells Park forestry;
- Port Kells Community Hall trees;
- Port Kells Library tree;
- Port Kells Elementary School trees (School District No. 36);
- 188 Street Sugar Maples; and
- St. Oswald's Church English Oak tree.

There followed a general discussion relative to the merits of each tree, and measures taken to maintain and preserve the trees. It was suggested that staff liaise with community heritage groups with a view to obtaining historical data for the proposed trees.

The heritage rating scale criteria will be forwarded to the next HAC meeting.

Commission was further requested to consider providing funding for the installation of bronze plaques should the trees be designated as heritage trees. The cost to install the plaques is approximately \$5,000.

It was Moved by Commissioner Dragomir
Seconded by Commissioner Cammack
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
(HAC) recommends to Council that the following trees in Port Kells be added to the Significant Tree List, that the Tree Preservation By-law be amended accordingly, and that bronze plaques be installed at a cost of approximately \$5,000 from the HAC budget.

- Port Kells Park open area trees;
- Port Kells Park forestry;
- Port Kells Community Hall trees;
- Port Kells Library tree;
- Port Kells Elementary School trees (School District No. 36);
- 188 Street Sugar Maples; and
- St. Oswald's Church English Oak tree.

Carried

(b) Property Ownership at Green Timbers Site

Commission reviewed the memorandum of December 12, 2003 from the Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs. Commission had earlier requested clarification of the ownership of the property at Green Timbers.

The City of Surrey owns approximately 75% of the property, and the Province owns approximately 25%.

It was further noted that the Provincially owned properties contain the arboretum (inaugural plantation), and a grove of Garry Oak trees that are both contain on the Heritage Register as heritage trees and are protected through the Tree Preservation By-law. Both sites have plaques.

As road widening projects in the area continue, the Engineering department will report to Commission accordingly.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Dragomir
That the Heritage Advisory Commission recommends to Council that as the Green Timbers Inaugural Plantation is included on the Surrey Heritage Register, that the Province be encouraged make that area accessible to the general public.

TABLED pending information

It was
Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Menun
That the Heritage Advisory Commission recommends to Council that representatives from the Province and the Green Timbers Heritage Preservation Society be invited to appear as a delegation at a future HAC meeting to discuss future development plans of the area and possible public accessibility to the Inaugural Plantation.

Carried

c) Thomas Joseph Brown House Trees

Commission reviewed the memorandum of December 16, 2003 from the Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs.

Commission had previously requested an update on the protective and remediation measures that have been taken relative to the significant trees at the property.

In the spring of 2002, the Parks Division, with permission and funding from the Realty Services Division, attempted to relieve the soil compaction in the root zone of a large heritage Beech tree located at the Brown House. As well, protective fencing was installed to prevent any further compaction of the tree's roots. Immediately prior to the aforementioned work, the tree was in poor health and it was hoped that by relieving the soil compaction and amending the soil with humus material, that the tree would recover. Unfortunately, the Beech tree did not survive.

Commission expressed concerns relative to the lack of attention and action from the Realty Services Division in the attempt to preserve the Beech Tree.

G. Ward and G. McDonald withdrew from the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

(d) Open House – Surrey Museum

The Manager, Heritage Services provided a debriefing relative to Open House on Thursday, January 8, 2004, 6:30 p.m. at the Cloverdale Seniors Centre, 17671 – 56 Avenue. The results of the public meeting included two processes on January 8, 2004, at which time the architect presented the plans and design concept for the site.

There followed a general discussion relative to the landscaping and outdoor common areas, building design and the possible relocation of the cenotaph. Commission also discussed the proposed interior locations of the exhibits.

The Advisory Design Panel will be conducting a final review of the design concepts and the City Architect will provide a report to Commission accordingly.

If appropriate, the City Architect will be invited to attend the February HAC meeting.

(e) Heritage Services 2004 Program Plan

This item was received for information.

2. ENGINEERING

3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

**(a) Bourassa House
6800-20-BOU**

The Senior Planner provided a verbal report relative to the preservation of the above property. A meeting was held with the owner, who acknowledged that the building has experienced significant deterioration. The owner advised that he would be willing to consider some preservation measures.

(b) Phase III Heritage Register Review

The Senior Planner provided a verbal report relative to the above. It was noted that the statements of significance are in progress and regular updates will be provided. The statements will be forwarded to the Province prior to March 15, 2004. Site visits and photography have been completed.

There followed a general discussion relative to the status of the Review and the statements of significance.

This item will be forwarded to the February 16, 2004 HAC meeting.

4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

(a) Membership Renewal – Friends of the Surrey Museum and Archives Society

Commission was requested to pass a motion renewing the above \$20 membership for 2004.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Cammack
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
renew the Friends of the Surrey Museum and Archives Society
membership for 2004, in the amount of \$20.

Carried

(b) Membership Renewal – Heritage Society of BC

Commission was requested to pass a motion renewing the above \$50 membership for 2004.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Cammack
Seconded by Commissioner Bowyer
That the Heritage Advisory Commission renew the membership to the
Heritage Society of British Columbia for 2004, in the amount of \$50.

Carried

(c) Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre Workshops

1. February 12, 2004: Free Public Lecture "Old Friends: Revisiting Heritage Conservation in Vancouver"
2. February 13, 2004: (\$195) "Building Enhanced Relationships: Advancing the Case for Heritage Conservation"
3. June 3, 2004: (\$195) "The Use of Statements of Significance for the Conservation of Cultural Landscapes and Historic Districts"

Commission is requested to consider the above workshops and pass a motion authorizing the attendance of members and/or staff.

It was Moved by Commissioner Fuller
Seconded by Commissioner Stewart
That with the approval of the General
Manager, Planning and Development, the Heritage Advisory Commission
support the attendance of the Senior Planner – Heritage at the February 13,
2004: (\$195) "Building Enhanced Relationships: Advancing the Case for
Heritage Conservation" workshop, and the June 3, 2004: (\$195) "The Use
of Statements of Significance for the Conservation of Cultural Landscapes
and Historic Districts" workshop, and that all expenses be approved in
accordance with Council Policy.

Carried

(d) Heritage Week 2004

1. Storyboard Unveilings: Sullivan, and Fraser Valley Heritage Rail
line, and South Westminster (Norwegian fishers); the schedule is
as follows:

- February 19, 2004, 2:00 pm, Norwegian Fishers unveiling at
Tannery Park;
- February 21, 2004, 10:30 am, Sullivan Area unveiling at
Sullivan Community Hall;
- February 21, 2004, 11:00 am, Railway unveiling at corner of
64 Avenue and 152 Street.

It was Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Bowyer
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
approve the expenditure of \$100 for hospitality at the storyboard
unveilings.

Carried

2. Friends of Heritage nominations and awards.
3. Rock Tree plaquing ceremony.

It was noted that B. Paton and A. Clegg will not be available to attend events
during Heritage Week. Commission members are strongly encouraged to attend
the events.

Further information will be distributed when available.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 125th Anniversary of Incorporation (Delta, Richmond, Surrey)

E-correspondence of January 13, 2004 from the Heritage Planner, Corporation of Delta.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Dragomir
That the Heritage Advisory Commission

recommends to Council that consideration be given to approving a cooperative event(s), recognizing the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Surrey, Delta and Richmond.

Carried

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Heritage Road Markers

E-correspondence of January 14, 2004 from A. Cleaver and response from the Interim Manager, Operations Division.

2. Council Resolutions – January 12, 2004

Memorandum of January 14, 2004 from Legislative Services.

**3. 1932 Mathews General Store Restoration – Langley
George Robert Moir Residence Designation – Langley**

Article extracted from the *Langley Advance*, January 4, 2004.

4. Canadian Heritage

Correspondence to the Minister of Canadian Heritage from Mayor McCallum.

5. Council Resolutions – January 19, 2004

Memorandum of January 20, 2004 from Legislative Services.

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Statutory Holiday

Commission was requested to consider forwarding a recommendation to Council to support the creation of a statutory holiday in February, called, "Heritage Day".

2. List of Outstanding Items

Commission reviewed the above and provided direction accordingly.

a) Western Red Cedar Stump (By-law No. 8131)

Commissioner Fuller reported a conversation with the property owner on the adjacent lot, and expressed concerns that the public were using the site for negative recreational activities. Commissioner Fuller further suggested that additional research be conducted prior to the expenditure of funds to preserve the tree.

b) Plaquing of Heritage Buildings in Cloverdale

The plaquing sub-committee met on January 21, 2004 to address funding, maintenance, type, design and priority of a plaquing initiative. Under consideration is a generic plaque for all the buildings, or individual plaques outlining specifics of the history of the buildings.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Bowyer
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends to the General Manger, Planning and Development that the
Senior Planner, Heritage, research funding, maintenance, type, design and
priority of plaquing heritage buildings in the City of Surrey.
Carried

G. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for February 16, 2004 in the Mayor's Executive Boardroom - 9:00 a.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was
Moved by Commissioner Stewart
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
meeting do now adjourn.
Carried

The Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Chair