



City of Surrey

Special Heritage Advisory Commission NOTES

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2004
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Present:

R. Cammack - Chair
T. Menun
A. Stewart
Councillor Higginbotham

Regrets:

C. Dragomir
R. Fuller
A. Lonneberg
B. Paton
A. Clegg
D. Bowyer

Staff Present:

A. Kopystynski, Planning & Development
K. Swaele, Legislative Services

Quorum for the meeting was not established, and the agenda was varied to accommodate the arrival of Mr. Donald Luxton.

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

(a) Friends of Heritage Nominations

Commission consensus was that Friends of Heritage awards be presented to:

(i) *Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society* – in recognition of their work to acquire, restore and operate several original B.C. Electric Interurban cars through Surrey, from Brownsville to Cloverdale on the original heritage rail route and eventually to extend through the Fraser Valley to Chilliwack.

Nominated by McMurray, Roberts, Heming & Wyborn

Mr. Donald Luxton arrived – 11:37 a.m.

(ii) *Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, and Mr. Tim Pringle, Executive Director* - in recognition of their assistance to the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society in providing a grant of \$50,000 to replicate Sullivan Station.

Nominated by: Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society

(iii) *Port Kells Community Association* - in recognition of their work in the Neighbourhood Banner Program to celebrate the uniqueness of Port Kells and the 75th anniversary of the Port Kells Community Association.

Nominated by: S. Cattermole.

(iv) *Mabel Bishop* – in recognition of her work on the restoration and protection of Tynehead Community Hall, work on behalf of the Surrey

Historical Society, the Surrey Museum and Archives Society and her energy and passion to preserve Surrey's Heritage.
Nominated by: W. Good

(v) *Peace Portal Golf Club* – in recognition of its work in producing the publication “Peace Portal Golf Club – 75 Years” which provides a rich history of the men and women who were part of the beginnings of the Semiahmoo Peninsula and the Peace Portal Golf Club.
Nominated by: Elaine Morrison

(b) Outstanding Items (for review and direction of Commission)

Due to time constraints, this item will be put forward to the March 31, 2004 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission.

2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Donald Luxton, consultant, was in attendance to present the Draft Statements of Significance for the Historic Places Initiative. Mr. Luxton noted that these are for the first 13 sites, which have come back from the peer review, with 28 additional sites to come.

Mr. Luxton noted that writing on the other 28 sites is well on the way and following comments from the Heritage Advisory committee they will go into rewrite. This will complete phase 1 and the project will then move into phase 2.

Mr. Luxton provided a brief overview of the criteria and considerations for the National Register and noted that the information relative to the heritage assessments is organized and described in three data elements:

- Description of the heritage place being recognized
- The heritage value of the place.
- The character elements that define the heritage value.

Mr. Luxton noted that the data elements are limited to 4,000 characters each so the descriptions must be brief. Discussions are being undertaken to ensure the City technology can be integrated with the Provincial database so that the information can then be uploaded to the Federal database.

Draft Statements of Significance were presented and reviewed for:

- International Peace Arch located on the 49th parallel at the junction of Highway 99 in B.C. and Interstate 5 in Washington State.
- Loyal Orange Society Lodge No. 1471 located in Surrey Centre on 60th Avenue (west of Old McLellan Road)
- Semiahmoo Trail located from Crescent Road south to 24th Avenue
- Boothroyd House located in Surrey Centre at 16811 – 60th Avenue

- Reed Cedar Stump located in Kennedy at 8920 Queen Mary Boulevard
- St. Oswald's Trees located in Port Kells on 190th Street between 95A Avenue and 96 Avenue
- Avenue of Trees located in Surrey Centre on the west side of Old McLellan Road between Bell Road and Christ Church
- Royal Oak Trees on King George Highway located near the Nickomekl River at the convergence of Highway 99 on the west side of McLellan Road.
- Daniel Johnson House located in Elgin at 13951 Crescent Road
- Hazelmere United Church located in Hazelmere at 1614 – 184 Street
- Collishaw House located on Kensington Prairie at 16520 – 40th Avenue
- Colebrook United Church located on Panorama Ridge at 5441 – 125A Street
- Tynehead Community Hall located in Tynehead at 9568 – 168 Street

Donald Luxton, Consultant reviewed the Statements of significance noting:

- General identification of the property, including original use and purpose.
- Heritage Analysis/Description of the heritage value of the historic place, including current use and purpose
- Other General Information, including significant dates, associated events, persons, organizations, architect, builder, theme and ownership.
- The intent of the documentation for the National Register is to define the significance of the site and to act as a management tool.
- That they are looking for as broad a definition as possible to make it compatible to the National Register.

In response to questions Mr. Luxton stated:

- That while the data in its present form is difficult to read, what will be seen on a spreadsheet or on the website will be clear.
- That some of the information will not be on the website, but will be used strictly by the Federal Government for information or funding purposes.
- That there was no choice in the numbering system, but it will allow the authorities that are managing the data to ensure that it is on a register, that it is protected, to ensure location and that the site is correctly identified.
- That the naming of the headings will most likely be removed as it was a tool to assist them and to ensure they remained within the 4,000 characters.

All the presented Statements of Significance were reviewed and comments made on the following sites:

Surrey Peace Arch

- That the Surrey Peace Arch is one of the first structures built to withstand earthquakes and is unique because of its location on the border.
- That the Surrey Peace Arch was built with shared costs from Canada and the U.S. Government.
- That because the Peace Arch is on the local register it does not bind the other levels of government to recognize it, but it is a significant landmark.

- That if the Peace Arch is not on the Federal Heritage Monuments List, inquiries should be made as to how to go about having it nominated.

Loyal Orange Lodge

- That there is a concern around the Loyal Orange Lodge being vacant and vandalism that may occur.
- That protective measures should be undertaken to preserve the security of the building, and that other organizations in the community could be approached to assist.
- That opportunities should be explored with community/fraternal organizations, infrastructure grants to provide funding for security for the building.
- That relocation of a building is never desirable, but this building has been relocated within its original community and context.
- That the building is definitely worth preserving because it is 1871, which is very early for this part of the country.
- That the Lodge provides a very important social context for the era because at the time Surrey was first settled by immigrants there were no government programs to take care of people. Fraternal organizations brought from the homeland tended to provide this service.
- That it would be interesting to review the history of the Royal Orange Lodge and perhaps the Museum and Archives will have documents related to this.
- That the relationship between the Loyal Orange Lodge in New Westminster and the Loyal Orange Orphanage should be looked at.
- That the Surrey Centre Cemetery and Christ Church Cemetery should be researched to see if people associated with the Loyal Orange Lodge and Surrey Centre pioneers are buried there.

Semiahmoo Trail

Donald Luxton advised that they are still tracking information on the Semiahmoo Trail, but apocryphal information shows that it was built by Royal Engineers in 1861. The Royal Engineers were in the area from 1858 to 1863.

Red Cedar Stump

That the red cedar stump is a 500 year old landmark and is a remnant of first growth trees in North Surrey, and does represent historical value.

Daniel Johnson House

The Commission asked for status of the Daniel Johnson House purchase offer related to moving the Loyal Orange Lodge to South Surrey.

Colebrook United Church

This item grew out of a phase 3 inventory and in looking at the Colebrook site it was determined that the modern church (1958) was the most interesting as it is protected by a revitalization agreement. The building is valued as an indicator of the post second world war era, and the first post war building to be legally protected in the City of Surrey,

The consensus of Commission was that Commission members review the documents and provide any additional comments to Adrian Kopystynski of the Planning & Development Department who will provide liaison with the consultant.

A. Kopystynski noted that they need to submit the Statements of Significance to Victoria by March 15 to satisfy the requirements of the grant. The next opportunity for Commission to review the Statements will be at its March 31 meeting.

Mr. Kopystynski advised that there would still be a chance to review the Statements of Significance after they have been sent to Victoria, as it will be possible to amend and edit the Federal Government listing.

Councillor Higginbotham asked that, if possible, a Special heritage Advisory Committee meeting be held prior to the Statements being sent to Victoria.

3. ENGINEERING

4. PARKS AND RECREATION

D. CORRESPONDENCE

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Thomas Joseph Brown House

E-correspondence from the Realty Asset Manager, regarding a future delegation appearance.

2. Council Resolutions – February 2, 2004

Memorandum of February 3, 2004 from Legislative Services.

3. Heritage Designation for Semiahmoo Trail

Correspondence of February 3, 2004 to the Friends of Semiahmoo Trail from the City Clerk.

4. Minister of Canadian Heritage

Correspondence in response to Council resolution of January 12, 2004 from the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.

5. Port Moody Heritage Week Events

Flyer from the Heritage Planner, City of Port Moody.

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for March 31, 2004 in the Mayor's Executive Boardroom - 9:00 a.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Heritage Advisory Commission concluded at 1:20 p.m.

Chair

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes - January 28, 2004

It was

Moved by

Seconded by

That the minutes of the Heritage Advisory
Commission meeting held on January 28, 2004, be adopted.

Carried