



City of Surrey

Heritage Advisory Commission

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2004
Time: 9:05 a.m.

Present:

Chair - Councillor Higginbotham
D. Bowyer
A. Clegg
R. Fuller
C. Johnson
H. Lindenbach
J. Monk
A. Stewart

Absent:

A. Lonneberg
W. Tracey

Staff Present:

A. Kopystynski, Planning & Development
B. Sommer, Parks, Recreation and Culture
G. Ward, Manager, Urban Forestry and
Environmental Programs
J. Boan, Engineering (10:04 a.m.)
K. Miller, Legislative Services

Also Present:

W. Lehmann, Green Timbers Heritage Society
B. Paton
A. Fraser, Friends of Semiahmoo Trail

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes - September 29, 2004**

It was Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Lindenbach
That the minutes of the Heritage Advisory
Commission of September 29, 2004, amended to delete "Martha" from page 10,
item (g), and adopted, and that the minutes be forwarded Council for adoption and
endorsement of the recommendations. .

Carried

B. DELEGATION**1. Mr. Wady Lehman, Director
Green Timbers Heritage Society**

Mr. Lehman presented a nomination for Surrey Great Tree Hunt, on behalf of the Green Timbers Heritage Society. Mr. Lehmann requested that Commission consider the inaugural planting to be designated through protective legislation, and stated that the site represents a significant collection of trees. It was noted that all of the property is owned by the Province. Mr. Lehmann further requested that a commemorative heritage plaque has been placed on the site.

The inaugural plantation is located at 140 Street and 96 Avenue, amid urban development and within the site of the former Ministry of Forests tree nursery. It consists of the surviving twenty-seven specimens from the commemorative tree planting of 1930. The surrounding area is valued as the first reforestation project in British Columbia with over 2,000 hectares of maturing trees which once lined the Old Yale Wagon Road (now the Fraser Highway).

Mr. Lehmann stated that this was the last virgin forest, which remained along the Pacific Highway that stretched from San Diego, California, to Surrey.

There followed a discussion relative to the following:

- Province's long term plans for the site;
- Arboretum;
- Phases and location of various plantings;
- Concerns relative to the integrity of the forest reserve;
- Areas dedicated to park land;
- Existing buildings on the site between the arboretum and commemorative plantations;
- Two sites, a Garry Oak grove and an Arboretum located on Provincial property at this site are currently protected as Significant Trees by the City's Tree Preservation By-law. This was achieved through the Local Government Act's provision of authority to local governments to protect and preserve trees; and
- The Inaugural Plantation is already on the Heritage Register and additions to be incorporated onto the Register include the Fraser Highway close to the Garry Oak Grove and the Green Timbers forestry building close to the commemorative plantation.

Mr. Lehmann then requested that Commission consider a recommendation to Council,

It was Moved by Commissioner Stewart
Seconded by Commissioner Lindenbach
That whereas the site of the Green Timbers
Inaugural Plantation has been reviewed by staff and Commission; and whereas
significant trees exist on this site, the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends to Council that the trees be added to the Significant Tree List of the
City's Tree Preservation By-law. (*Attachment A*)
Carried

The delegation and Mr. Ward withdrew from the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. PARKS AND RECREATION

(a) Heritage Week 2005

It was noted that the theme for Heritage Week 2005 is "*Heritage of Faith – Sacred Buildings and Spiritual Places*". The Manager, Heritage Services presented storyboard unveilings for Heritage Week 2005:

1. St. Oswald's Anglican Church

2. St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox
3. Semiahmoo Trail (Cultural/Natural)
4. Stewart Farm (Cultural/Built)

There followed a discussion relative to organizing a bus tour during Heritage Week in order to attend the unveilings. It was suggested that those invited should include Council, Board of School Trustees and representatives from the participating organizations to join the members of the Heritage Commission on a bus tour to the six storyboard unveilings, which would culminate in a tea at the Stewart Farmhouse. This would be a two and a half hour event, leaving from Port Kells and stopping at St. Mary's, Semiahmoo Trail and Elgin Heritage Park – returning to Port Kells. The suggested date of the tour is Saturday, February 19, 2004.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston
Whereas Heritage Week 2005 will be celebrated the week of February 21, 2005, and whereas the Heritage Advisory Commission (HAC) will be unveiling a series of community heritage storyboards for this event, that Commission requests that Council approve funding of \$2,000 from the HAC budget to hold a bus tour and tea.

Carried

2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

3. ENGINEERING

4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

(a) Orientation Tour (Invoice from Driver)

It was
Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That a cheque from the Heritage Advisory Commission budget in the amount of \$102 be forwarded to Mr. Dave Dreves for services rendered.

Carried

It was agreed that an orientation tour be held annually.

It was Moved by Commissioner Lindenbach
Seconded by Commissioner Monk
That a letter of thanks be forwarded to
Adrian Kopystynski expressing appreciation of his hard work in
organizing the orientation tour.

Carried

(b) List of Outstanding Items

Commission reviewed the list of outstanding items and provided direction as follows:

Development Application No. 7903-0210-00

The Senior Planner informed Commission that ongoing dialogue is taking place with local community interest groups in an effort to address fencing, tree preservation, and gaining cooperation and compliance from the developer.

Commissioner Monk stated that the Friends of Semiahmoo Heritage Trail feel that cooperation and the sharing of information from the Planning and Development department has improved significantly since attention was brought to the poor site conditions.

It was Moved by Commissioner Monk
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends to Council that Commission's concerns and the photographs
circulated be forwarded to the General Manager, Engineering for review
and report to Commission. (*See Attachment B*)

Carried

Development Application No. 7903-0222-00

Crescent Road & Elgin Road Concept Review (Stone Cairn)

Engineering is reviewing the issues raised by the Commission and will further report on refined concepts in two to three months.

It was noted that any development which abuts Crescent Road or Semiahmoo Trail is monitored closely to ensure that there is a compatible interface and that heritage assets are not put at risk by development.

Cloverdale Sidewalk Improvement & Heritage Stone Fence

This item will be forwarded to the January 2005 agenda.

1891 Lodge

The Chair informed Commission that quotes received for relocating the building were approximately \$15,000; quotes from BC Hydro to remove overhead wires were approximately \$25,000. It is anticipated that negotiations with BC Hydro will take place.

Development Application No. 7903-0269-00

There followed a discussion relative to the status of this and other applications (7903-0268 and 7903-0469-00) on the west side of Semiahmoo Trail between 28 and 32 Avenues.

The following points were raised:

- Vehicle access to lots fronting this segment of the Trail will eventually be eliminated;
- Existing road will eventually be converted to a pedestrian trail;
- No intrusion of driveways into the ten metre buffer on the Trail corridor will be permitted;
- Status of existing driveways be considered; and
- Strict compliance with the Trail Design Guidelines is expected.

Baron von Mackensen House

It was

Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner

Johnston

That Heritage Advisory Commission recommends to the General Manager, Planning and Development that a status report relative to the Baron von Mackensen House be provided to Commission at the November 2004 meeting.

Carried

D. CORRESPONDENCE**1. Dr. A. Schulze, on behalf of the Friends of Semiahmoo Heritage Trail**

The Chair read from the above correspondence, and explained what the City's responsibilities are in the various stages of development. The Chair further requested that this matter be referred to staff for a report at a future meeting.

Commissioner Monk, stated that the Friends of Semiahmoo Trail, feel that trees which could have been saved were removed because of damage to the root systems. There should be some way to amend Section 7, Subsection H of By-law No. 15280 to provide for protection of trees.

Engineering staff stated that sections of the Trail which are under development are not owned by the City until further along in the development process.

It was felt that protection of trees is not being taken into consideration in context with the City's by-laws. Photographs of the site were circulated.

It was Moved by Commissioner Monk
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That the Heritage Advisory Commission recommends that the General Manager, Planning and Development, and the General Manager, Engineering respond to the comments made by Mr. Schulz in the attached correspondence of October 26, 2004, and report directly to Commission. (*See Attachment C*)

Carried

2. Request for Heritage Marker

Commission reviewed correspondence of October 22, 2004 from Jennifer Martin, requesting a heritage street marker be installed on 102 Avenue.

It was Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston
That the Heritage Advisory Commission recommends to the General Manager, Engineering that research be conducted on the above request and that a report be forwarded to Commission.

Carried

3. Member Resignation

Commission reviewed correspondence received on October 25, 2004 from Commissioner Lonneberg.

It was Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Lindenbach
That the Heritage Advisory Commission receive the correspondence from Commissioner Lonneberg and that a letter of thanks for his service be prepared for the Chair's signature.

Carried

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Delegation: Surrey's Great Tree Hunt

Correspondence of October 20, 2004 to Mr. W. Lehmann from Legislative Services.

2. Council Resolutions – October 4, 2004

Memorandum of October 26, 2004 from Legislative Services.

3. South Westminster School

Commission reviewed correspondence received October 25, 2004 to the Surrey School Board of Trustees from Al Cleaver regarding the above property. Also reviewed was e-correspondence from Rob Terris. (*See Attachment D*)

It was
Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
receive correspondence from Messrs. Cleaver and Terris and that a status report
be provided from the General Manager, Planning and Development relative to the
disposition procedures of the following properties:

1. South Westminster Learning Centre
2. Grandview Heights Elementary School
3. Tynehead Elementary School

Carried

B. Sommer withdrew from the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. HAC Budget

Commission review the 2004 HAC budget. Commissioner Bowyer expressed concerns relative the amount of uncommitted funds and suggested the possibility that Council may not approve future funding should the budget not be spent.

It was noted that Commission should consider a project to enhance heritage awareness in Surrey.

The Chair stated that the Manager, Heritage Services is researching a program to reward schools for local history and heritage awareness programs. A report will be presented at a future meeting.

It was suggested that the older designation by-laws be reviewed. The by-laws for designated properties will be forwarded to a future agenda.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Bowyer
Seconded by Commissioner Stewart
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
members come to the November 2004 meeting with ideas for future projects.
Carried

2. Heritage Canada Foundation Annual General Meeting

Commissioner Lindenbach provided an overview of the above event, and added a list of Federal heritage statutes. It was noted that the next conference will be held September 15 – 17, 2006 in Regina, Saskatchewan. (*See Attachment E*)

It was
receive the report from Commissioner Lindenbach.

Moved by Commissioner
Seconded by Commissioner
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
Carried

G. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for November 24, 2004 in the Mayor's Executive Boardroom - 9:00 a.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was
meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Stewart
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
Carried

The Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 12:40.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Councillor J. Higginbotham, Chair
Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission