



# City of Surrey

## Heritage Advisory Commission

### Minutes

Executive Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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**Present:**

Chair – H. Lindenbach  
Councillor J. Higginbotham  
D. Bowyer  
A. Clegg  
R. Fuller  
J. Monk  
W. Tracey

**Absent:**

C. Johnston  
S. Sidhu  
M. Stibbs

**Staff Present:**

A. Kopystynski, Planning & Development  
B. Sommer, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
K. Swaele, Legislative Services

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**A. ELECTIONS**

**1. Election of a Chairperson for the 2006 calendar year.**

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham  
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg  
That Hazel Lindenbach be appointed  
Chairperson of the Heritage Advisory Commission for the 2006 calendar year.  
Carried

**2. Election of a Vice Chairperson for the 2006 calendar year.**

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham  
Seconded by Commissioner Lindenbach  
That Alan Clegg be appointed as  
Vice-Chairperson of the Heritage Advisory Committee for the 2006 calendar year.  
Carried

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes - January 25, 2006**

It was Moved by D. Bowyer  
Seconded by W. Tracey  
That the minutes of the Heritage Advisory  
Commission of January 25, 2006, be adopted, as circulated.  
Carried

R. Stutt and K. MacNamara entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

## C. DELEGATION

### 1. Status of Sullivan Hall

Rob Stutt, President, and Kelly MacNamara, Sullivan Community Association, were present to discuss the status of Sullivan Hall to apply for full Heritage status and access the Polygon compensation payment for funding of repairs.

K. MacNamara advised that he is Wes Gillis' grandson, and the Gillis house has now been rebuilt to almost an exact copy of the original. Mr. MacNamara continued:

- That when the Sullivan area was developed a lot of heritage was lost.
- That his grandparents helped build Sullivan Hall and were lifetime members.
- That it is a busy hall which is used quite a bit, but is rundown and needs funding for a new roof, gutters, paint job, and windows.
- That they would like to apply for full heritage protection for the property in order to qualify for heritage grant funding.
- That they have had some communication with staff and understand the process required to move forward.

R. Stutt commented:

- That the Sullivan Community Association recognizes the significance of the Sullivan Hall structure.
- That they are aware there is a difference between being on the Heritage Registry and being recognized as having full heritage protection.
- That the Association has discussed this on a general basis and are aware that in order to obtain funding they must have heritage protection.
- That the Gillis House and the Fraser Valley Heritage Rail buildings are now replicas, while the Sullivan Hall is original.
- That the funds from Polygon should be used in the Sullivan community.
- That the Society's first priority is to maintain the integrity of the structure, and the cost for the roof and paint, not including gutters is in excess of \$26,374.00.
- That the Society would like to proceed with an application for heritage protection, but want to ensure that business at Sullivan Hall stays the same and there is no future restriction on its use.

A. Kopystynski, Senior Planner – Heritage, explained the process for heritage protection through a restrictive covenant or heritage revitalization agreement. Protected properties would be eligible for financial assistance, including limited matching funds for restoration and property tax reduction. He noted that both processes would include a Conservation Plan outlining the history and architectural character of the building as well as an agreement of ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Kopystynski advised that the Polygon compensation funds are in a statutory reserve and cannot be allocated until such time as a policy is established by Council. He noted that the Heritage Advisory Commission has made suggestions

on the content of the policy, and staff will be bringing back a report to Commission and then to Council.

R. Stutt and K. MacNamara left the meeting at 10: 28 a.m.

M. Stanley entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

## **2. Statements of Significance**

Meg Stanley, of Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Ltd. provided an update on the Statements of Significance. Ms. Stanley noted that in place of the Kitzel House and Root Cellar, they are reviewing the Dunsmuir Farm at Crescent Beach that was one of the alternative sites Commission felt should be brought forward.

Ms. Stanley advised that she was providing an update on two of the six Statements of Significance sites being assessed, Camp Alexandra, and the Anniedale Methodist Church and Manse. Ms. Stanley continued:

- That they are working rapidly to meet the deadline to provide Victoria with data for the 6 additional Statements of Significance.
- That all the fieldwork has been done except for the Creighton House.
- That they have met with all owners and there is some follow up work to be done.

Ms. Stanley distributed pictures of Camp Alexandra and noted its heritage value is mainly associated with its social cultural landscape and was used as a fresh air camp for orphans and a holiday retreat for children and their mothers. Ms. Stanley noted:

- That the site is a good example of middle class reformers responding to the crisis brought on by industrialization.
- That initiatives such as neighborhood houses were meant to soften the worst effects of poverty and assist with assimilation of immigrants.
- That specifically for the Vancouver Area, Camp Alexandra was seen as a healthy place to provide respite.
- That pre-antibiotics, the outdoors were seen as a deterrent to disease brought on by overcrowding (rest cures).
- That through the history, the Camp has now transitioned to a dual-purpose site with permanent year round community activities.
- That in terms of architecture, the site is a good example of rustic style of the period.
- That people who have worked there or spent time there place a high value on the sense of history and tradition of service.

Ms. Stanley then distributed pictures of the Anniedale Methodist Church in Port Kells and noted its location at 19131 - 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a small simple wood frame church with an adjacent manse and garage behind the bungalow. The site

is framed by large coniferous trees, and a parking lot separates the historic church from the more modern Port Kells church. Ms. Stanley continued:

- That the church appears to have been built in 1907 and was first located in Anniedale, moved to Port Kells in the 1920's and to its present location in 1949.
- That the church represents the formation of the United Church in 1925, which was a union of the Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians in Canada.
- That the church was closed as a United Church in 1990 and taken over by the Congregational Christian church which built a new church at the back of the property.
- The old church is still in use by the Romanian Pentecostal church and is popular for weddings.
- That in terms of social and community values the church is an important place in the community and valued as a container of the history of baptism, weddings, and deaths.
- That memorial plaques in the church are reminders of specific individuals who lived and worked in the community and contributed to the church.

Ms. Stanley concluded by advising that all the Statement of Significance will be finalized by the week of March 6.

**ACTION:**

The Commission asked that a meeting of the Sub-Committee be arranged with staff and the consultant to review the Statements of Significance before they are uploaded on March 15.

Councillor Higginbotham left the meeting – 11:15 a.m.

M. Stanley left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Councillor Higginbotham returned to the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

**2. Heritage Tree Information and COSMOS**

N. Aven, Assessment Management Technician, Parks, Recreation & Culture, and Greg Ward, Manager Urban Forestry and Environment Programs were in attendance to provide information on COSMOS and Heritage Tree information.

Mr. Ward noted that the mapping system includes all of the important trees in the City of Surrey and was funded by the Engineering and Parks Departments, working with Planning & Development to include heritage trees.

Mr. Aven provided a demonstration of COSMOS and how to access the significant tree and heritage tree sections of the system. The database includes any trees that have come through the Heritage Advisory Commission and have

been identified as those which have heritage significance, and any trees which have been identified by Council as significant.

**3 Heritage Component – City of Surrey Website**

The Senior Planner – Heritage provided a brief overview of the heritage website which is now up and running on the City of Surrey website, and ready to be unveiled to the public.

Commission congratulated the Senior Planner – Heritage, and Planning and Development staff for the work that was done to create the excellent Heritage section of the City of Surrey website.

**D. CORPORATE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**(a) Memo from Manager, Long Range Planning and Policy Development**

Invitation to members of Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission to participate in Heritage Workshops for Anniedale "A" Area Heritage Study (South Port Kells NCP Area #1), Thursday, March 2 at Anniedale Traditional School.

H. Lindenbach advised that she is available to attend the workshop.

**2. PARKS AND RECREATION**

**(a) Storyboard Installations 2006**

The Manager, Heritage Services provided an update on the installation of the following storyboards on Saturday, February 25, 2006:

- 1:00 p.m. - Strawberry Hill for installation at the Strawberry Hill Library.
- 1:30 p.m. - Cedar Stump for installation on Queen Mary Boulevard
- 2:00 p.m. - Inaugural planting for installation at the inaugural planting in Green Timbers Forest
- Whalley Little League storyboard (celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) to be unveiled in August.

The Heritage Manager noted that the access to the Green Timbers storyboard unveiling would be from 140<sup>th</sup> Street, and that a reception will follow.

Councillor Higginbotham left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**(b) Manager – Heritage Services – Verbal Update**

The Manager, Heritage Services advised:

- That Doug Hooser had passed away. Mr. Hooser was the first Chair of the Heritage Advisory Commission when it was created in 1974 and the first Curator of the Surrey Museum. Mr. Hooser was also a significant contributor to the Museum's capital fundraising. A memorial service will be held Monday, February 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Surrey Museum.
- That she and the construction Facility Manager have registered for the Simon Fraser University Course "Respectful Rehabilitation: Moving Forward with One Foot in the Past".
- That the Archives are now open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commission recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

**3. ENGINEERING**

There were no Engineering Reports.

**4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

**(a) Friends of Heritage Awards Nominations**

The following were nominated for the Friends of Heritage Awards:

- (i) Jim King and Marc Pelech, Surrey Crime Prevention Society, for the Spirit of Youth mural celebrating the Year of the Veteran.
- (ii) Patrick N. Goode, Archivist, St. Oswald's Anglican Church, Port Kells, for the preservation of cemetery records.
- (iii) The Honorable Kevin Falcon, MLA, Minister of Transportation, for the relocation and preservation of the 1860 Anderson cabin.
- (iv) Constable Marc Searle, Surrey RCMP, for the research, identification and documentation of unmarked veterans' graves.
- (v) Lorne Pearson, for the research and writing of the book "In the Valley of the Fraser", the story of Eric Anderson, Surrey pioneer.
- (vi) Bill Farrand, Ken Johnson (The British Group) and Gustavo Da Roza III (G3 Architecture Inc.), for the restoration and long-term conservation of the Feedham House.

- (vii) Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, for the publication of the 2006 calendar recognizing the natural heritage assets of Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest.
- (viii) Green Timbers Heritage Society, for its participation in the preservation of the Inaugural Plantation and which will be presented to the City as Park during 2006.
- (ix) Friends of Semiahmoo Trail, for the work done to preserve and restore the Semiahmoo Trail heritage site.
- (x) Friends of Semiahmoo Bay for their work as a watershed stewardship in preservation and public education of the Boundary Bay area natural habitat.

Commission discussed the awards and noted that all were exceptional and worthy of recognition. Commission determined:

- That they would like to see the nomination for Bill Farrand and Ken Johnson brought back in 2007 once the work has been completed.
- That the nomination for the Green Timbers Heritage Society should also be brought back in 2007 once the Inaugural Plantation has been given to the City.

Commissioner Monk noted it was an honor for the Friends of Semiahmoo Trail to be nominated, but that the nomination would be declined at this time, as it may be perceived as a conflict.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Monk  
Seconded by W. Tracey  
That Friends of Heritage Awards be

presented to:

- Jim King and Marc Pelech, Surrey Crime Prevention Society, for the Spirit of Youth mural celebrating the Year of the Veteran.
- Patrick N. Goode, Archivist, St. Oswald's Anglican Church, Port Kells, for the preservation of cemetery records.
- Constable Marc Searle, Surrey RCMP, for the research, identification and documentation of unmarked veterans' graves.
- Lorne Pearson, for the research and writing of the book "In the Valley of the Fraser", the story of Eric Anderson, Surrey pioneer.
- Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, for the publication of the 2006 calendar recognizing the natural heritage assets of Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest.
- Friends of Semiahmoo Bay for their work as a watershed stewardship in preservation and public education of the Boundary Bay area natural habitat.
- The Honorable Kevin Falcon, MLA, Minister of Transportation, for the relocation and preservation of the 1860 Anderson cabin.

Carried

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

It was  
received.

Moved by Commissioner Clegg  
Seconded by Commissioner Fuller  
That the items of correspondence be

Carried

**1. Semiahmoo Tail**

Letter dated February 8, 2006 from General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture in response to correspondence from E. Smith.

Commissioner Monk noted that he had looked at the trees to be removed and in all cases but one agreed that the trees needed to be removed. The Parks Department has agreed to maintain the tree, which he felt should be kept. The trees to be removed were either dead or dangerous, but due to the size of the project, it was not well received by the public.

Commission felt that in the future the process should be done in a more selective manner and over a longer period of time.

**2. Cloverdale Business Improvement Association**

Letter dated February 6, 2006 from Lyle MacMillan, Cloverdale BIA President, encouraging the City of Surrey to explore the opportunity of assembling potential displaced residential heritage buildings in the Cloverdale area.

The Heritage Advisory Commission noted that it would be interested to meet with the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association to discuss this, should this issue go forward.

**3. Letter of support for Dr Beaudoin purchase of 5641 – 177B Street**

Letter from Councillor Higginbotham expressing support for Dr. Beaudoin to purchase 5641 - 177B Street, which will be used for a relocated Henry Parr House.

**4. Gillis House – Completion**

Invitation from Polygon for an informal walk through of the Gillis House Wednesday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. The event will include refreshments.

Commissioners Tracey, Lindenbach, Monk, and Clegg indicated they would be available to attend, as well as the Manager Heritage Services and the Senior Planner - Heritage.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. "A Guide to Using and Developing Trails in Farm and Ranch Areas" – Ministry of Agriculture**

Following a request from Councillor Higginbotham, a copy of "A guide to Using and Developing Trails in Farm and Ranch Areas" was provided to members of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission for information.

**2. List of Outstanding Items**

Commission reviewed the list of outstanding items and provided direction accordingly.

**3. On Table Items**

Commission received the following on-table items:

- Information and nomination form regarding the 2006 Good Citizen Award.
- Notice of Annual General meeting of the Heritage Society and call for Nominations to the Board of Directors.
- Nomination form for Provincial Heritage Awards Program.

**G. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Semiahmoo Heritage Trail**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tracey  
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg

That the Heritage Advisory Commission recommend to Council that a further report be brought forward to properly identify that the road allowance on 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, east of 150A and West of 152<sup>nd</sup> Street is appropriately closed off, closed to traffic and dedicated as parkland.

Carried

**2. Heritage Week 2007**

H. Lindenbach reported that the 2007 Theme for Heritage Week is "Vernacular Heritage".

**3. Closed Meeting – Section 90 (1) (e)**

It was Moved by Commissioner Clegg  
Seconded by Commissioner Tracey  
That the regular meeting recess and the  
meeting be closed in accordance with Section 90(e) of the *Community  
Charter*.

Carried

The Regular meeting recessed at 1:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

**H. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for Wednesday,  
March 29, 2006 in the Mayor's Executive Boardroom at 9:00 a.m.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Carried

The Closed Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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H. Lindenbach, Chairperson Heritage  
Advisory Commission