



City of Surrey

Heritage Advisory Commission

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006
Time: 9:03 a.m.

Present:

Chair - H. Lindenbach
Councillor Higginbotham
A. Clegg
C. Johnston
J. Monk
M. Stibbs
W. Tracey

Absent:

D. Bowyer
R. Fuller
S. Sidhu

Staff Present:

A. Kopystynski, Planning & Development
B. Sommer, Parks, Recreation and Culture
C. Bonneville, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes – June 28, 2006.

Commissioner Monk advised of an amendment to the minutes, stating that item 5 on page 14, should read ‘that the Friends of the Trail have received cash and services totaling \$11,000 for the upkeep of the Trail.’

It was

Moved by Commissioner Johnston
Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
That the minutes of the Heritage Advisory
Commission of June 28, 2006, be adopted, as circulated and amended.
Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. REPORTS

1. PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Storyboard Planning 2007 - 2009

The Manager, Heritage Services provided an update regarding the Storyboard Planning 2007 – 2009 and provided the following comments:

- A ceremony for the unveiling of the community heritage storyboard will take place on Saturday, August 5 at 10 a.m. at the Whalley Athletic Park, located at 105A Avenue and Whalley Ring Road. A representative from the HAC is required to congratulate the Whalley Little League.
- The storyboard will be installed on the wall of the new concession building beside two bronze commemorative plaques honouring the founders of the Whalley Little League.

- The final cladding of the concession building will not be completed as of the date of the unveiling ceremony; therefore the storyboard will be unveiled on an easel and installed once cladding is complete.
- The event is rain or shine and a large attendance is expected, therefore it is suggested that HAC attend early.
- The announcements will take place on the pitcher mound of diamond #2, a location map was provided.

The HAC provided the following comments:

- Councillor Higginbotham would like to speak at the event.
- Commissioner Clegg would like to attend the event with Councillor Higginbotham however is unsure of whether he will be able to attend on the specified date. He will advise the Manager, Heritage Services of his availability on August 5.

2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. **Heritage Revitalization Agreement Application 7906-0346-00 Willard Kitchen House 2590 O'Hara Lane, Crescent Beach**

The Senior Planner (Heritage) advised an application was received for a heritage revitalization agreement (HRA) to protect the Willard Kitchen House and to build a one-car garage having a character similar to the house. He further stated:

- The property owner is in agreement with the provision for constructing a replica and payment of \$15,000 in the unlikely event that the house is destroyed.
- The Willard Kitchen House is listed on the Surrey Heritage Register and is rated at 84% in the Surrey Heritage Evaluation Worksheet.
- The design has been reviewed by the City Architect and found acceptable with some minor suggestions.

In response to questions from the HAC, the Senior Planner (Heritage) responded:

- The property owner of the Rothwell House located to the north of the subject property is supportive of the proposal.
- A setback variance is necessary to accommodate the garage in the yard between the house and O'Hara Lane.
- The garage is being sited to avoid removing trees, except for one that is potentially unstable and needs to be removed, subject to City approval.
- The Engineering Department has noted that the owner needs to insure that proper drainage will be provided so that there is no run off into other properties.

- If the heritage house is demolished the property owner is aware of the requirement under the proposed policy for compensation due to loss in heritage value and to reconstruct the heritage house.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tracey
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston
That the HAC make a recommendation to the General Manager of Planning and Development to support the application 7906-0346-00 to protect the Willard Kitchen House and to allow for the construction of a garage with a design using similar design elements of the Willard Kitchen House provided adequate measures are taken to protect the existing mature trees and their root structures.

Carried

2. ENGINEERING

There were no Engineering reports.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Ian McLean File: 6800-01

Letter from Mr. Ian McLean regarding the Heritage trees at the southeast corner of 140 and Fraser Highway.

It was Moved by Commissioner Monk
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That the HAC request information from the Engineering Department regarding the removal of Heritage trees at the southeast corner of 140 Street and Fraser Highway.

Carried

During the discussion of the above item, the HAC provided the following comments:

- The Ministry is planning to widen parts of the Fraser Highway and Council was ensured that no trees would be removed in this process.
- The HAC had previously recommended that the portion of Fraser Highway through Green Timbers be added to the Heritage Register.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Commission Johnston
Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
That the HAC recommends that Council add to the Surrey Heritage Register the following sites in Green Timbers: Fraser Highway (140 to 148 Street); the Arboretum; the Garry Oaks Grove; the Cape Cod (former Forestry) Buildings; and the Commemorative Plantation. (*See aerial photo attached as Appendix 1 of July 19, 2006 HAC minutes.*)
Carried

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Commissioner Monk
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston
That as it is desirable for the City of Surrey to demonstrate leadership by adequately maintaining its own Heritage Buildings in parallel with the expectation of the private sector, the HAC recommends that Council identify and allocate funds for the restoration and ongoing maintenance of city-owned Heritage Buildings, in particular the two proposed heritage buildings in Green Timbers.
Carried

2. The Heritage Canada Foundation – Annual Conference

Information regarding the Heritage Canada Foundation – Annual Conference in Ottawa, Ontario, October 12 to 14, 2006.

It was suggested that the Chairperson, Hazel Lindenbach, Commissioner Johnston and Councillor Higginbotham, as Council Liaison, attend the Annual Conference in Ottawa. A discussion ensued regarding expenses submitted in the previous year and the budget available for 2006. Councillor Higginbotham advised that if she was to attend the Annual Conference that she would obtain her funds from another source and not the Heritage budget, she also requested that the HAC budget be forwarded for review.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
That the HAC recommends that Council authorize the attendance of Hazel Lindenbach, HAC Chair, and of Carol Johnston, HAC Commissioner, to attend the Heritage Canada Foundation – Annual Conference in Ottawa, Ontario, on October 12 to 14, 2006 and that the expenses be paid from the HAC budget in accordance with Council policy.
Carried

The Chair advised that the BC Heritage Society will be holding a conference on September 22 and 23 in Kelowna and that she would forward information regarding this conference to the HAC electronically.

**3. Letter to Maxine Charlton
File: 7902-0352; 6200-01**

Copy of letter sent from the Planning and Development Department to Maxine Charlton regarding the Sedgewick House located at 17172 – 184 Street. The Commission reviewed and received the letter send to Maxine Charlton.

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

2. Surrey Municipal Heritage Site Designation Bylaw, 1983, No. 7716

A Commission Member expressed his concerned for the wording within Surrey Municipal Heritage Site Designation Bylaw, 1983, No. 7716, stating:

- This bylaw was written in 1983 and is the by-law preserving Crescent Road, however it is written in anecdotal form.
- The intent of the bylaw is that ‘Crescent Road be preserved and that the said land be designated by Council as heritage land for such purpose for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.’
- The wording within By-law 7716 in section 2, sub-paragraph 3 states: ... “Today Crescent Road follows the original route with twists and turns, and with many *dogwood trees*.”
- The bylaw should be reworded to include other species of trees that are significant to the heritage character and heritage value of Crescent Road.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was

Moved by Commissioner Monk
Seconded by Commissioner Tracey
That in order to maintain the heritage
ambiance of Crescent Road, the HAC recommends that Council amend Surrey
Municipal Heritage Site Designation Bylaw, 1983, By-law 7716, section 2, sub-
paragraph 3, first sentence, to read “Today Crescent Road follows the original
route with twist and turns, and with many *native species of trees, including but
not limited to, dogwoods, western cedars, douglas firs and big leaf maples*.”

Carried

3. Development Application 7906-0092-00

A Commission Member expressed his concern regarding a potential development of a parcel of land impacting Semiahmoo Trail; he distributed a map of the area and commented:

- There is a large triangular parcel of land to the east of (2811 Semiahmoo Trail Road) development 7906-0092-00 that is privately owned and has a driveway on Semiahmoo Trail.
- If it is not accounted for as part of Development 7906-0092-00, this may prevent the existing driveway to Semiahmoo Trail from being closed and vehicular access to this triangular lot being reoriented to 28 Avenue or another road.
- All driveways are to be removed from Semiahmoo Trail, in order for Semiahmoo Trail to be closed to traffic and be used as a pedestrian trail and not a roadway.

The Senior Planner (Heritage) advised that Planning and Development has been successful in working with developers to have existing vehicular driveways removed from Semiahmoo Trail as a condition of subdivision or development. If necessary, development application 7906-0092-00 would be referred to HAC for comments on compliance with the Semiahmoo Trail Design Guidelines.

It was Moved by Commissioner Monk
 Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
 That the HAC request that the General
 Manager, Planning and Development arrange for a report to be provided to the HAC about: how vehicular access is to be provided to lands north of 28 Avenue (specifically the triangular lot to the east of (2811 Semiahmoo Trail Road) development application 7906-0092-00), ensuring that there would be no vehicular access to Semiahmoo Trail.

Carried

4. Delivery of Heritage Agenda Packages

A Commission Member requested that the delivery of Heritage Agenda packages be done via courier and not done electronically.

5. BC Heritage Society AGM – Nanaimo – June 1 – 3, 2006

Commissioner Stibbs provided the following comments during his verbal report regarding the BC Heritage Society AGM, held in Nanaimo:

- Rod Harris, CEO of Tourism BC talked about the benefits to Heritage that increasing tourism could provide. In this context the Provincial government has recently committed to doubling tourism to BC over the next ten years. He made the point that attention to the Heritage issues can provide significant benefits to the local economies though this is often not immediate to Mayors and Councils.
- Heritage Foundation. The Heritage Advisory Commission, being, as its title suggests, solely an advisory body, cannot advocate heritage projects. In that Commissioner may wish, from time to time, to promote project of a heritage nature, this may seem to be a handicap. One solution to this would be the

formation of a foundation, say "Friends of Surrey Heritage" whose objective would be to support and promote suitably approved heritage projects. There is a good example of the merits of a foundation at work in the "Friends of the Semiahmoo Trail".

6. Cloverdale Heritage Project

Commissioner Clegg requested an updated regarding the Cloverdale Heritage Project.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Tracey
That the HAC request a update from the
General Manager, Planning and Development regarding the HAC resolution referred by Council to staff on May 30, 2005 (RES.R05-1349) about creating a heritage lane in Cloverdale.

Carried

G. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for September 27, 2006 in the Mayor's Executive Boardroom at 9:00 a.m. The HAC noted that there is no Heritage Advisory Commission meeting for the month of August.

H. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Hazel Lindenbach, Chairperson
Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

Appendix 1

Map Identifying Heritage Buildings and Features
in the Southwest Portion of Green Timbers

