



Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission - Minutes

Planning Boardroom #1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010
Time: 5:03 p.m.

Present:

Chair - Councillor Steele
W. Farrand
R. Hart
B. Hol
L. Tannen

Absent:

J. O'Donnell, Parks,
Recreation and Culture

Staff Present:

D. Luymes, Planning & Development
E. Schultz, Planning & Development
M. Petrovic, Engineering
N. Dyrbye, Legislative Services

Guests:

John Sprung and Allen
Aubert, Fraser Valley Heritage
Railway Society

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the minutes of the Surrey Heritage

Advisory Commission meeting of March 31, 2010, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. John Sprung, Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society

To discuss achievements of the FVHRS and to request support funding of ongoing Community Outreach activities.

The delegate provided a presentation on the history of the BC Electric Railway and the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society and made the following comments:

- The Society does a lot of public education and community outreach. They have many open houses and fundraising events for the public during the summer.
- The Society is also recognized as a museum and has close to 300 members along with a number of corporate sponsors including Cloverdale Paint who donated all of the paint that was required to paint the barn and both rail cars. In addition, United Protection Security Group provides security services with three checks per evening on-site.
- The current plan is to extend the line to the Newton area at the new transit hub. In addition to that, they hope to connect to the Scott Road SkyTrain station on the City right-of-way.
- The plans for operation will be for heritage tourism purposes; this would not be a commuter type service. Transport Canada have been coming by on a

regular basis to inspect and certify each step of the process of restoring the railcars to ensure they are done correctly.

- This year is the 100th anniversary of the BC Electric Railway in the Fraser Valley. The Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society plans to do a commemorative run with Southern Rail of BC with railcar 1225 from New Westminster to Chilliwack in early October. This would be a fundraising trip with a total of 400 seats available. The cost for this event will be approximately \$40,000.
- To assist the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society in its continued work with community outreach, educational activities and in promotion of the 100th anniversary trip, the Society would like to request a \$10,000 donation from the City of Surrey's Heritage Advisory Commission. In return, the Society would ensure proper recognition of the City and Commission by including them on promotions, publications and the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway website.
- The next open house for the Society is scheduled for May 16 and the Commission is invited to attend.

The delegates were thanked for their presentation by the Commission and left the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

The Commission made the following comments:

- It would be great if the Commission would be willing to make this contribution. This would show good support from the City as well as the Commission.
- This is a worthy cause and we as a Commission need help from groups like this to get our name out there to help us get to the next level.
- Monies that the SHAC has in its budget in 'unrestricted' could be used to fund the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen

Seconded by Commissioner Hart

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission recommends to Council that TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00)

DOLLARS be donated to the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society in support of their work as a society and their 100th Anniversary Celebration with funds for this donation to come from the unrestricted reserve for future expenditures in the SHAC budget.

Carried

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- (a) **Tynehead Elementary School, West Wing – 8820 – 168th Street**
File No.: 7905-0184-00/6800-01

Memo dated April 22, 2010 from the Manager, Area Planning & Development – North Division.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory
Commission receives the report concerning the Tynehead Elementary School for information and recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development that the Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) be forwarded to Council for their consideration.

Carried

- (b) **George E. Lawrence House Fire**
File No.: 7906-0351-00/6800-10

Memo dated April 13, 2010 from the Manager, Community Planning.

The Commission made the following comments:

- This building should not be left in its current state as it is dangerous and unsightly.
- The City/Commission needs to review the agreement that it has with developers. There does not seem to be enough criteria included to ensure the protection of heritage houses.
- Developers need to monitor these heritage properties more diligently to ensure protection. It is also important for the properties to be better maintained so they don't attract people to dump garbage and vandalize them.

Staff made the following comments:

- The Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) for this property is at third reading and not quite finalized yet.
- Once the HRA receives final approval, the developer will be required to build a replica and pay compensation for the loss of heritage value should the building be destroyed. If the HRA is not finalized, the City would be in a position to deny the rezoning application.
- The City is a partner in the HRA and could withdraw from the partnership.

- Staff has invited the developer to meet and discuss their intentions regarding the property. This meeting will occur in the near future. In the meantime staff has reminded the developer of the urgent need for a revised Heritage Conservation Plan so that the house is not left indefinitely in its current condition.
- Staff will look into policy alternatives and advise the Commission at a future meeting.

The Commission made the following additional comments:

- Developers need to be made aware upfront that the City can withdraw from the HRA.
- The City needs to have a mechanism where they can take action to protect a heritage property and recoup the costs if the owner/developer is not ensuring the protection themselves.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission recommends that staff explore options for preventing the deterioration of vacant heritage properties during the development process and report back to the Commission.

Carried

**(c) Ferguson House – Heritage Revitalization Agreement Application
File No.: 7910-0087-00/6800-10**

Memo dated April 14, 2010 from the Manager, Community Planning.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission recommends that:

1. Council approve allocating up to \$2,000.00 from the SHAC budget to hire a heritage consultant to prepare a Statement of Significance (SOS) for the Ferguson House; and
2. The General Manager, Planning and Development direct staff to proceed with the preparation of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) for the Ferguson House.

Carried

(d) **“Heritage Matters” in Surrey – Brochure Series**
File No.: 6800-01

Memo dated April 21, 2010 from the Manager, Community Planning.

The Commission complimented staff on their great work on the brochures and made the following comments:

- ‘Designation By-law’ should be italicized on page 72 to emphasize the mechanism used by the City for protection of heritage.
- It would be a good idea to mail these brochures out to people who own heritage buildings as incentive and information to them.
- It was suggested that ‘recognise’ be changed to ‘recognize’ on page 70 to keep the spelling consistent.

It was
Commission receive the information concerning “Heritage Matters” in Surrey – Brochure Series.

Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Carried

(e) **Flavours of Surrey – July 25, 2010**
File No.: 8200-20

Memo dated April 21, 2010 from the Manager, Community Planning.

It was
Commission recommends to staff that FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS be allocated from the SHAC budget to sponsor the Flavours of Surrey event.

Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Hart
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Carried

The Commission agreed that Commissioner Hart and Hol will attend the event on behalf of the Commission.

(f) **John Sedgewick House (7172-184 Street) – Update**
File No.: 6800-10

Memo dated April 19, 2010 from the Manager, Community Planning.

The Commission made the following comments:

- It is important that it is made clear that the City and Commission have no remedy with respect to this matter and that the demolition of the

John Sedgewick House is not endorsed by either the City or Commission. The owners are within their legal right to demolish the house.

- Question was raised as to what is required from the owners at this point.

Staff made the following comments:

- The standard documentation in a situation such as this is to ensure that as-built drawings and photo documentation are provided for the City Archives. As well, staff has requested that the owner have any materials from the John Sedgewick House that are still viable salvaged.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Accept the documentation of the John Sedgewick House as sufficient record of the heritage building in advance of the building's demolition; and
3. Recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development that the documentation of the John Sedgewick House be forwarded to the City Archives.

Carried

(g) HAC Task List
File No.: 0540-20 V

Memo dated April 21, 2010 from the Manager, Community Planning.

The HAC Task List was received.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION

There are no reports from Parks and Recreation.

3. ENGINEERING

There are no reports from Engineering.

4. **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

(a) **Tynehead Community Association
Application for Financial Assistance**

It was
Commission request that staff advise the Tynehead Community Association that they must provide a third quotation for works before the Commission will review the Application for Financial Assistance.
Carried

Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commission Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

E. **ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

F. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There are no Correspondence items.

G. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **The Magazine of the Heritage Canada Foundation – Vol.XII No.4**
(to be provided on-table at the meeting).

2. **Journal of the British Columbia Historical Federation Magazine – Vol. 43 No.1**
(to be provided on-table at the meeting).

3. **New City Website**

The Chair advised that the new City Website will be up and running mid-September and will incorporate many useful links to all the heritage information the City has. It should be much easier to navigate and the Commission should be pleased with the new format.

It was
Commission receives the information items presented.
Carried

Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Heritage BC – Election of Directors 2010

The Commission is requested to vote for up to two candidates for Director. Ballot to be submitted by the Clerks Department on behalf of the SHAC.

It was
Commission nominate Larry Foster of Kelowna and Zlatan Jankovic of Vancouver to be nominated for Heritage BC's 2010 Election of Directors.
Carried

Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

2. Delegation Request

Patrick Harrison, President of Hike BC to speak regarding his proposal to designate portions of the Semiahmoo Trail as part of the National Hiking Trail.

It was
Commission approve Mr. Patrick Harrison to attend the May 26, 2010 meeting to present regarding the Semihamoo Trail.
Carried

Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

3. May 26, 2010 SHAC Meeting

Staff made the following comments:

- The Commission has been invited by the owner of the Baron's Manor Pub in Port Kells (9568 – 192nd Street) to hold their May 26, 2010 meeting at the pub.

It was
Commission agrees to hold their May 26, 2010 meeting at the Baron's Manor Pub in Port Kells located at 9568 – 192nd Street.
Carried

Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

4. Clayton Elementary School

Commissioner Hart provided some photographs and a brief update on the school.

The Commission made the following comments:

- It is good to see that the School District has taken great care in restoring this school and preserving the heritage elements.
- The images provided should be forwarded to the Surrey Archives.

I. TASK/LIAISON GROUPS

J. FRIENDS OF HERITAGE

K. FINANCIALS

**1. Financial Summary as at March 31, 2010
File No.: 0540-20 V**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission receives the Financial Summary as at March 31, 2010 for information.

Carried

L. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for May 26, 2010 at the Baron's Manor Pub at 9568 – 192nd Street – 5:00 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Steele, Chairperson
Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission