

Acting Chair:

R. Hart

Commissioners:

B. Hol
J. Turner
L. Tannen
W. Farrand

Absent:

Councillor Steele

Guests:

A. Aubert, FVHRS
J. Sprung, FVHRS
R. Goodacre, Heritage BC
N. Flemig
M. Hiatt
M-A. Hiatt

Staff Present:

D. Luymes, Community Planning
E. Schultz, Planning & Development
J. O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation and Culture
T. Mueller, Legislative Services

Before the meeting was called to order, the Acting Chair noted that 2011 Commission appointments for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair will be conducted at the February 23, 2011 Heritage Advisory Meeting.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

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

Advisory Commission meeting of November 24, 2010, be adopted with the following amendment:

Page 8 – Should be revised to read: Moved by Commissioner Farrand and Seconded by Commissioner Hol.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Mr. Allen Aubert, Secretary Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS) & John Sprung, Chair FVHRS

File: 6800-01

In attendance to present copies of Fraser Valley Heritage Rail 100th Anniversary publication.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation thanked the Commission for sponsoring the FVHRS Centenary Celebration publication and noted that 2011 marks 101 years.
- To mark the occasion, the FVHRS will be planning a special excursion to Chilliwack.

- The FVHRS was pleased to announce Surrey City Council granted approval to spend funds in support of the Fraser Valley Railway project; in the future, the station will be relocated from Sullivan to Cloverdale.
- The delegation was pleased to note that the Surrey Leader Newspaper will be publishing a re-print of a 'focus on rail' series in an upcoming edition.

2. **Mr. Rick Goodacre, Executive Director, Heritage BC**
File: 6800-01

In attendance to provide an update on Heritage BC

The following comments were made:

- The delegation provided a background relative to how Heritage preservation policy has evolved and changed within British Columbia since 1977.
- And shared that since that time, the Provincial Government has fallen away from their Heritage approach; as a result, the Heritage Legacy fund has been negatively impacted; groups looking for funding assistance have been turned away due to constraints.
- The delegation noted that the provincial government has a duty of stewardship of heritage resources, and in the past, when this duty has been fulfilled heritage conservation prospered. At present, heritage conservation is struggling. To get the provincial heritage program underway, the following 5 key actions were identified:
 - Adopt the Provincial Heritage Strategy
 - Provide the Heritage Branch with Essential Resources
 - Resolve the Heritage Properties Question
 - Restore Community Support
 - Invest in the Heritage Legacy Fund
- It was noted that in order to effectively do that job, funding is required from the Federal Government. At the close of 2011, Heritage BC will be running out of funds. Unfortunately, over the last 6 years, accumulated surplus had to be utilized. By the end of 2011, it will no longer be impossible to fund Heritage BC and the Legacy Fund, as it is written into legislature.
- A comprehensive document entitled '***A Call to Renew British Columbia's Heritage Program***' was distributed to all members of the legislature, Heritage BC is appealing to all Heritage BC members write to the legislature and express their support for the call to action.
- It was noted that the City of Victoria is sending a letter to the Union of BC Municipalities.

The delegation requested the Surrey Heritage Commission to arrange for a letter under the Mayor's signature detailing Surrey's intensive work in various Heritage programs / initiatives.

Staff will speak with Councillor Steele regarding the timing and the best approach for the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that Council:

1. Provide a letter of support for Heritage BC regarding the following five key actions identified in '***A Call to Renew British Columbia's Heritage Program***':
 1. Adopt the Provincial Heritage Strategy
 2. Provide the Heritage Branch with Essential Resources
 3. Resolve the Heritage Properties Question
 4. Restore Community Support
 5. Invest in the Heritage Legacy Fund; and
2. Endorse the City of Victoria's resolution of support of '***A Call to Renew British Columbia's Heritage Program***' which was forwarded to the Union of Municipalities.

Carried

The agenda was varied.

2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- (a) **Memo from R. Hintsche regarding Major Restrictive Covenant Amendment to building setbacks of two properties adjacent to Semiahmoo Trail**
File: 7910-0259-00

The following comments were made:

- Planning staff explained there was an amendment to the application which was originally brought forward at the November 24, 2010 SHAC meeting.
- The original application requested an amendment to the current covenant to allow the required setback to be reduced from 17.5 metres to 15 metres. After subsequent meetings with the developer and the Friends of Semiahmoo Trail, the applicant decided to apply for the full relaxation from 17.5 to 10 metres.
- Planning staff researched the origin of the restrictive covenant and found an explanation relative to why the additional 7.5 metres was historically applied to this particular subdivision. Based on the correspondence on file, the current setback appears to have been 'volunteered' by the original home owner and not requested by the City or SHAC.

- Planning staff explained that the 10 metre setback complies with the Semiahmoo Trail Design Guidelines. Staff further noted that the 'Friends of Semiahmoo Trail' provided a letter of support stating that they have no objection to the proposed reduction in setback to 10 metres.
- Staff clarified that moving the home forward on the lot creates an opportunity for additional parking at the rear which mitigates the need to park on the Semiahmoo Trail and assists with tree preservation.
- Planning staff requested a recommendation from the Commission of support.
- The Commission thanked planning staff for their research in providing additional information regarding 2948 & 2960 Semiahmoo Trail.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol
 Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
 That the Heritage Advisory Commission
 supports the proposed Major Restrictive Covenant Amendment to the
 building setbacks of the two properties located at 2948 & 2960
 Semiahmoo Trail, permitting a decrease to the building setback from 17.5
 to 10 metres.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2011 Community Heritage Commission Networking Conference File: 6800-01

Surrey Heritage Commission to discuss possibility of hosting the conference in 2011 with support from Heritage BC.

- The Commission noted that hosting the 2011 Community Heritage Commission Networking Conference would raise the profile of Heritage in Surrey and give an opportunity to set a specific theme that would be of use to the Commission.
- The cost of registration is \$20 which would cover associated catering expenses.
- Potential event locations discussed were as follows:
 1. Surrey Museum
 2. The Surrey Library
 3. Surrey Arts Centre
- The Commission noted that New Westminster staff hosted the 2010 event and have offered to provide guidance and support.

E. Schultz, Heritage Planner along with Commissioners Hart and Tannen volunteered to form a task force to organize the 2011 Community Heritage Commission Networking conference.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory
Commission host the 2011 Community Heritage Commission Networking
Conference on Saturday, November 26, 2011.
Carried

(c) **Verbal Update from E. Schultz, Heritage Planner regarding
George E. Lawrence House – By-law Enforcement Status**

The following comments were made:

- The George E. Lawrence House is located on the corner of 184 Street and Fraser Highway and is subject of a development proposal.
- Staff reported that the house sustained extensive fire damage in 2010; however, it has been determined that the property can be successfully restored.
- Staff also explained that the site is currently in a state of disarray with debris and garbage strewn throughout the property. The By-law Department has sent letters to the property owner requesting that the site be cleaned up. They have also submitted a recoverable work order for approval that would allow the City to clean the site and apply the costs of the work to the property taxes.
- The property owner has recently indicated that they will be proceeding with the application for the site.
- The Commission noted that there is currently no tarp on the roof of the house; this needs to be resolved because water is entering from the top.
- Staff noted that the development proposal for the site has gone through public hearing and third reading; the house will be formally protected once the application is approved.
- The Commission requested guidance from the planning department on how to proceed in this matter. Staff suggested that Councillor Steele could be requested to prepare a letter to the developer on behalf of the Commission requesting immediate action to insure that water is kept out of the building.

It was Moved by Commissioner Farrand
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that Councillor Steele prepare a letter to the developer
requesting immediate action be taken to prevent the George E. Lawrence
House from sustaining further water damage.
Carried

(d) HAC Task List

File: 0540-20

The following comments were made:

The commission noted that planning staff has done tremendous work in managing the list and providing timely updates.

It was
recommends that the January 26, 2011, HAC Task List be received as information.

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

Carried

3. PARKS AND RECREATION**(a) Verbal Update from J. O'Donnell, Manager, Heritage Services
Heritage Sites Bus Tour**

The following comments were made:

- The tour will showcase Surrey's unique architectural, natural, and cultural sites with three heritage experts.
- The event will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011, registration will cost \$18/person.
- Commissioner Farrand and Councillor Steele will attend on behalf of the Commission.

4. ENGINEERING**5. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES****E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

- 1. Letter addressed to Commissioner Tannen from Mayor Watts dated January 18, 2011 re: City of Surrey Sustainability Indicators and Targets Task Force.**

It was
Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that the correspondence received on table from Commissioner
Tannen dated January 18, 2011 regarding the City of Surrey Sustainability Indicators
and Targets Task Force be received as information.

Carried

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Letter dated January 4, 2011 from Larry Foster, President Heritage BC**
File: 6800-01

The following comments were made:

- The Commission suggested that preparing a letter for the Minister of Tourism, Trade and Investment be deferred until the February 23, 2011 Heritage Commission Meeting to ensure the letter is forwarded to the correct individual in the ministry.

Staff noted that they will combine Mr. Foster's request letter with the '**Call to Renew British Columbia's Heritage Program**' request from agenda item D.1.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that the letter dated January 4, 2011 from Larry Foster, President,
Heritage BC, be received as information.

Carried

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Regular Council Public Hearing Minutes - Dec. 13, 2010 / Nov. 15, 2010**
RES. R10-2227, R10-228, R10-2000, R10-2001 and R10-2002

It was
Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that the Regular Council Public Hearing resolutions from December
13 and November 15, 2010, be received as information.

Carried

H. OTHER BUSINESS**1. City of Surrey By-Law No. 15099
Procedure for consideration of Financial Assistance for Protected Heritage Sites.**

Note: Action Item from the October 26, 2010 meeting. The Heritage Commission requested that By-Law No. 15099 be brought forward for review / discussion.

The following comments were made:

- Staff requested that the Commission review the by-law and advise if there were any questions or concerns.
- The Commission suggested that the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Building Preservation Program Application for Financial Assistance form should be reviewed to ensure it is clear to new applicants. Further, the City of Surrey website should reflect correct information and be clear.

It was Moved by Commissioner Farrand
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that City of Surrey By-Law No. 15099, Procedure for consideration of Financial Assistance for Protected Heritage Sites be received as information.
Carried

2. Kensington School Restoration Project – Signage Request

- The Commission noted that Kensington Prairie School is an excellent example of a heritage restoration project being undertaken by the City.
- A large format sign, similar to those prepared by the Provincial Government to highlight projects, should be used for the School. The design of the signage should be indicative of Heritage.
- Staff suggested that an annual budget be developed with a mechanism for construction and installation. Staff noted there are costs associated with production and installation of large scale signage and encouraged more thought should be given to the design requirements.
- Staff recommended a proposal and a budget for signage prior to moving to implementation. At present, a signage initiative is not included in the Heritage budget. The Commission suggested the necessary funds could be taken from an existing line item in the budget that has not been fully allocated such as uncommitted carry forward. It was noted there is currently \$16,000 in uncommitted funds.
- The Kensington Prairie Community Centre is scheduled to open in September; staff will prepare a press release to announce the project completion. It was suggested that a photograph could be taken with members of the commission in front of the school.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that the General Manager, Planning and Development, direct staff to
prepare suitable signage highlighting the heritage restoration work being
undertaken at Kensington Prairie School.

Carried

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

K. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at December 31, 2010

The following comments were made:

- The financial summary was reviewed.
- Staff clarified that the funding allocated for the cenotaph are monies the City received. There were some additional grant monies used and it was offered to the Commission to have a storyboard created.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
Financial Summary as at December 31, 2010 be received as information.

Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that the General Manager of Finance provide a greater level of detail
regarding the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Financial Report clarifying
the description of restricted funds.

Carried

2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (continued)

(b) Memo from D. Luymes, Manager, Community Planning Fire at Daniel Johnson House, 13951 Crescent Road File: 6800-10

The following comments were made:

- The Daniel Johnson House was burned completely on December 17, 2010.
- Staff noted that the property was placed on the Heritage Register in 1998.

- The Daniel Johnson House has a heritage revitalization agreement attached to it. As such, there was a condition placed on the property (before it was sold to the current owner) stating that if the home was destroyed, it should be constructed in a similar form and massing. In addition, the agreement states that the remainder of the property is to remain free from additional development.
- Planning noted that since the fire, a demolition permit was issued.
- Mr. Marc Hiatt, the homeowner, was in attendance before the Commission to answer any questions they may have relative to his heritage property. He stated that he understood that the heritage agreement pertained only contained to the footprint of the house and not the lands surrounding the house.
- Planning staff explained that development is restricted in accordance with guidelines set out in the conservation plan and the bulk of the property is to remain free of development.

The Commission referred Mr. Hiatt to discuss his concerns surrounding the heritage agreement with the Planning Department.

It was
 Moved by Commissioner Hol
 Seconded by Commissioner Hart
 That the Heritage Advisory Commission
 recommends that the Memo from D. Luymes, Manager, Community
 Planning regarding the Fire at the Daniel Johnson House, 13951 Crescent
 Road, be received as information.

Carried

I. TASK/LIAISON GROUPS

J. FRIENDS OF HERITAGE

1. Friends of Heritage Award Nominations

The following comments were made:

- The Commission was pleased with the number of nominations received.
- It was discussed that those nominees who are not successful in 2010 should be reconsidered for subsequent years.
- The discussion relative to 2011 Friends of Heritage Award Nominations will be held in a closed meeting.

It was
 Moved by Commissioner Hol
 Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
 That the Heritage Advisory Commission
 recommends that the 2011 Friends of Heritage Award Nominations be received as
 information.

Carried

L. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for February 23, 2011 in the Planning Boardroom #1 at 5:00 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Commissioner Hart, Acting Chair