

**Chairperson:**

Councillor Steele

**Vice-Chair:**

R. Hart

**Commissioners:**

B. Hol

L. Tannen

W. Farrand

J. Turner

**Guests:**

M. Sokalski, Metro Vancouver Parks

F. Schade, Metro Vancouver Parks

J. Woods, Tynehead Community Association

**Staff Present:**

D. Luymes, Planning & Development

E. Schultz, Planning & Development

T. Mueller, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen

Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That the minutes of the Surrey Heritage

Advisory Commission meeting of March 23, 2011, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

1. **Ms. Frieda Schade, Manager Central Area Regional Parks, Metro Vancouver with Mitch Sokalski, Acting Department Manager. To provide the Commission with an update on the status of the Gerow Barn (9641 – 176 Street).**

File: 6800-10

The following comments were made:

- There are 72 structures throughout the regional parks system, they come in a variety of shapes and forms, and each has a different status. Some are more of a commemorative statement; the most successful restoration project is one where there is a clear use / program at the end of the restoration with full collaboration with other agencies.
- The Gerow Barn (9641 – 176 Street) has been noted on the Surrey Heritage Register. There has not been a whole lot of focus on the barn; the delegation is before the Commission to discuss ideas, options for the barn, and potential partnerships.
- The delegation explained there is a park plan in place for Tynehead Regional Park; however, the barn structure does not have use for any recreational activities, therefore, Metro Vancouver is limited to two options on the site where the barn is now.

The delegation discussed two options for the barn:

1. **Visual Feature Option** - Commemorative display with the building as a visual feature on landscape.  
The new perimeter trail took a jog right in front of the barn. The barn forms an attractive screening feature and occupies a high point in the landscape lending to buffering capabilities.

One of the preferred options is to stabilize/ restore the barn and make it a visual feature on site.

2. **Display Option** - Commemorative display in absence of building.  
May or may not use artifacts from the building as part of the display.

The visual feature option is going to be the least cost option that keeps the building. The Metro Vancouver Parks Department is prepared to hire someone to provide guidance on how it should be done.

- The delegation noted that Metro Vancouver is prepared to explore both options and cost them out. However, money may be an obstacle because heritage restoration is not part of the core mandate for Metro Vancouver Parks.
- The Commission asked what they would need financially to retain and restore the Barn. The delegation stated they are looking for some funding partners. Metro Vancouver used to get money from Provincial Heritage Grants but they are not available anymore. The delegation requested to work on a plan and a vision with the Commission.

Commissioner Hart arrived at 5:12 p.m.

- The Commission agreed that retaining the building in its existing location would be a good solution. The delegation noted they would have the consultant sketch up a design of the barn and make recommendations. With respect to costing, the delegation will provide the Commission with a cost analysis for partnership consideration.
- The Commission asked for timing relative to the study. The delegation feels the barn is in danger and some work should be engaged right away.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol  
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen  
That:

1. The one-page on-table document provided by the Metro Vancouver Parks delegation outlining two potential options for Gerow Barn: 1) Visual Feature Option or 2) Display Option, be received as information, and;
2. The Commission supports Metro Vancouver Park's efforts in restoring Gerow Barn and further supports the Metro Vancouver Park Staff initiative of engaging a consultant to prepare a timely report with recommendations and a cost analysis outlining how to retain the barn in its current location as a 'Visual Feature' (Option 1).

Carried

## C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

## D. NEW BUSINESS

## 1. PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT

(a) **Memo dated April 7, 2011 re: Building Preservation Program:  
Application Form for Financial Assistance.**

File: 6800-20

The following comments were made:

- At the March 23, 2011 meeting, the Commission reviewed the Application for Financial Assistance Form. The Heritage Planner took the Commission's comments / suggestions and made the following changes:
  - The preamble was amended to note that buildings subject to HRAs are eligible to apply.
  - The \$5,000 / year limit was removed from the preamble.
  - Number 1 on the form was expanded.
  - Number 5 was reworded to note that fewer than three quotations are acceptable.
- The Commission requested item 4 be removed.
- It was discussed that the 'date of commencement' is a challenge to fill out. The Commission suggested highlighting **“Work already completed or in progress may not qualify for assistance”**.
- It should also be noted that home owners have up to 1-year to complete their renovation project after approval.
- Staff clarified that the form is currently not available on-line which allows staff to thoroughly explain the application process to new applicants.
- Staff reported that an informational letter was previously sent out to all eligible heritage property owners advising them of the Financial Assistance Program and further noted the last time the letters were sent out was 2008. Staff asked whether the Commission wished to send out follow-up letters and include the newly revised Financial Assistance Application Form.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen  
Seconded by Commissioner Hart  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission

recommends that:

1. The Building Preservation Program, Application for Financial Assistance report dated April 7, 2011, be received as information,
2. Staff prepare and send out letters to all eligible heritage property owners along with the updated application form.
3. The idea of establishing a heritage grant program similar to the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's True Colours program be referred to the future Surrey Heritage Foundation for consideration.

Carried

**(b) Memo dated April 7, 2011 re: Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Application John Horner House (12645 14B Avenue)**  
File: 6800-10

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol  
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission

recommends that:

1. The Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Application for John Horner House (12645 14B Avenue) be received as information,
2. The General Manager, Planning, and Development forward the John Horner House HRA (12645 14B Avenue) to Council for consideration.

Carried

**(c) Demonstration of 'Friends of Heritage Awards' webpage**

The following comments were made:

- Staff provided a demonstration of the newly updated Friends of Heritage Award webpage: <http://www.surrey.ca/city-government/7554.aspx>
- The Chair noted she received thank you letters from some of the 2011 Award Recipients.
- Staff noted that the Friends of the Semiahmoo Trail included Jack Monk's entire speech in the April edition of their newsletter.
- The Commission was pleased with the 2011 Award Presentation Ceremony and how well received it was by the recipients.

**(d) HAC Task List**

File: 0540-20 V

The following comments were made:

- The Gerow Barn item will be revised to reflect the April 27 status updates.
- The Commission asked staff to explore the possibility of arranging for staff and members of the Commission meet with Diane Switzer at her office in Vancouver. The option of offering Ms. Switzer a stipend for attending a future Commission meeting was also discussed.
- The Chair spoke with John Sprung regarding the Loyal Orange Lodge and noted that John will investigate the possibilities regarding relocation/restoration of the Lodge.
- The Commission expressed concern regarding the continued decline of Bose Farm and noted that the people are now dumping garbage at the location.

The Heritage Planner will endeavour to arrange for a 1-hour informational meeting with Ms. Switzer and will work with the Commission (via email) to formulate interview questions in advance.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen  
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission recommends the HAC Task List, dated April 1, 2011, be received as information.  
Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen  
Seconded by Commissioner Hol  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission recommends that staff request By-law officers attend the Bose Farm.  
Carried

**2. PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE****3. ENGINEERING****4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES****E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart  
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission  
recommends the following correspondence be received as information:

1. **Form Letter re: Urgent Call for Action, the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society.**  
File: N/A
2. **Letter and Petition from Tynehead Community Association dated April 12, 2011 re: Anniedale Heritage School.**  
File: 6800-10
3. **Letter April 13, 2011, copied to the Commission from P. & A. Vandeburgt and R. Bikker re: Planning File: 7906-0351-00 / George E. Lawrence Heritage House.**  
File: 6800-10

Carried

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Regular Council Public Hearing Resolution – April 4, 2011**  
RES. R11-557

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **14th International Conference of National Trusts, October 12-15, 2011**  
<http://intoconference.org/>

The Heritage Planner along with Commissioners Tannen and Hart volunteered to attend.

A motion will be in order at the May 25, 2011 SHAC meeting to approve conference attendees and allocate funding for registration and associated fees.

## 2. Flavours of Surrey / Fusion Festival 2011

- Staff reported the annual Flavours of Surrey has been combined with the Fusion Festival. The event will run from July 16-17, 2011, and will be held at Holland Park, Old Yale Road and King George Blvd.
- The Commission discussed having a display of the 2011 Heritage Award Recipients and having an interactive demo of the website; other ideas included having representation from Heritage Rail.
- Staff noted the Flavours of Surrey event is looking at a tie to agricultural heritage. Local artisans and the urban farmers market will be part of the event and there may be a tent with a celebrity chef.
- The Commission suggested staff work with the Museum to put together some artifacts on farming and heritage food preparation. Staff suggested that the Commission consult with the Manager of Heritage Services regarding this request at the May HAC meeting.
- Commissioner Hart volunteered to help with the Commission Exhibit.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen

Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That the Heritage Advisory Commission

recommends that up to five hundred (\$500) dollars be allocated toward producing a display for the 2011 Flavours of Surrey event.

Carried

## 3. Invitation – Fleetwood Community Association – Francis Park

Commissioner Hart invited the Commissioners to attend an old fashion picnic where a commemorative boulder will be dedicated depicting the story of Edith and her family:

- During 1907, newcomers Edith and James Francis settled on land in the vicinity of what is now Fraser Highway and 160th Street. A few years later, other members of Edith's immediate family, the Fleetwood's, joined them from England. On August 18, 1915, Edith's brother, **Arthur Thomas (Tom) Fleetwood**, enlisted with the 47th Canadian Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and was shipped overseas to France.
- On September 8, 1917, just two days after his 39th birthday, Lance Corporal Arthur Thomas Fleetwood died of wounds received in battle. He is buried in Barlin Communal Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France and is commemorated on page 237 of the First World War Book of Remembrance located in the Peace Tower Memorial Chamber on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. He is also listed on the Cenotaph at the Surrey Museum and Archives.
- Edith applied to the provincial government in Victoria for a charter to name her community in honour of her brother ensuring that he would always be a part of the community in which he had lived.

The Fleetwood Community event will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. between 83 Avenue and 160 Street.

**4. 2011 Volunteer Services Banquet**

The Volunteer Services Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011, and will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, 15269 104th Avenue, Surrey, Guildford Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners were asked to RSVP to Legislative Services by April 30, 2011.

**5. Jane's Walk Surrey City Centre: Past Perceptions, New Directions**

The Commission and public are invited to a free walk to learn about Surrey City Centre's hidden gems and future plans for development. Saturday, May 7, 2011, 2:00 pm at the North East corner of King George Boulevard and 108th Avenue, the estimated duration is 2 hours.

Jane's Walk celebrates the ideas and legacy of urbanist Jane Jacobs by getting people out exploring their neighbourhoods and meeting their neighbours. Free walking tours held on the first weekend of May each year are led by locals who want to create a space for residents to talk about what matters to them in the places they live and work. Since its inception in Toronto in 2007, Jane's Walk has expanded rapidly. In May of 2010, 424 walks were held in 68 cities in nine countries.

The walks help knit people together into a strong and resourceful community, instilling belonging and encouraging civic leadership.

**6. Heritage BC Annual Conference, September 30 – October 1, 2011  
Burnaby**

<http://www.heritagebc.ca/events/annual-conference-registration/register-online>

Heritage BC organizes an annual conference with a focus on a different heritage theme. It offers a great opportunity to hear stimulating keynote speakers, participate in workshops, raise community issues in an open mike forum, and attend the Annual General Meeting.

Held in a different city every year, the annual conference also includes guided tours to explore the important heritage sites of the host community. Recent achievements across the province are recognized at the Annual Awards ceremony and banquet.



**I. TASK/LIAISON GROUPS**

**J. FINANCIALS**

**1. Financial Summary as at March 31, 2011**

File: 0540-20 V

It was

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

recommends that Financial Summary as at March 31, 2011 be received as information.

Carried

**K. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 in the Planning Boardroom #1 at 5:00 p.m.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

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

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor Steele, Chairperson