



# Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission - Minutes

2E - Community Room B  
City Hall  
13450 - 104 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016  
Time: 5:01 p.m.

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**Present:**

Councillor Woods, Chair  
D. Plug, Vice-chair  
B. Hol  
P. Priddy  
P. Sooch - Youth Representative

**Absent:**

D. Evans  
M. Westwood - Youth Rep

**Staff Present:**

D. Luymes, Planning & Development  
R. Gallagher, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
K. Baglo, Planning & Development  
N. Aven, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
T. Mueller, Legislative Services

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Before the start of the meeting the Chair requested that the agenda be varied to include the on-table report provided by the Planning Department entitled: "**Conservation Plan and Structural Assessment of Old Anniedale School (9744 - 176 Street)**" as Item C.1. under Outstanding Business.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Plug  
Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission (SHAC) amend the June 22, 2016, meeting agenda to include the on-table planning report entitled "**Conservation Plan and Structural Assessment of Old Anniedale School (9744 - 176 Street)**" as Item C.1. under Outstanding Business.

Carried

## A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Commission is requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes as circulated.**

1. Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes - May 18, 2016

It was

Moved by Commissioner Plug  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission (SHAC) recommends that the May 18, 2016 minutes be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

1. **Neal Aven, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs Manager**  
File: 6140-20

**Note:** An electronic version of the memorandum was emailed to members of the Commission on Wednesday, March 17, 2016. A hard copy of the report was included on the April 27, 2016 SHAC agenda as an information item.

In attendance before the Commission to provide an update regarding tree removal work that is scheduled to take place at Redwood Park.

The following comments were made:

- Staff noted that remaining tree risk mitigation work will include the removal of eleven dead/dying trees that are contained within the stands of heritage trees. The trees being removed include five American chestnuts, one Chinese chestnut, one cherry, two big-leaf maples, one black cottonwood, and one incense cedar. In addition, fourteen native trees in the forest to the east of the washroom building are being removed including five Douglas-firs, seven western red cedars, and two big leaf maples.
- Staff is planning to start the work in September before the storm season; there will be public notification through both the City of Surrey website and signage placed in the park.
- The Commission requested detail regarding what happens to the wood when trees are cut down in Redwood Park. Staff clarified that where possible trees are "felled" and left as is. Some of the trees identified for removal are located in an arboretum and there is little understory, in those cases, the trees will be either disbursed in another section of the forest or they would be removed depending on the volume. Staff clarified that the determination will be made on site during the removal process.
- In response to a question from the Commission, staff clarified that whenever they receive concerns from members of the public regarding tree removal work being conducted, they do their best to explain the tree risk program. Trees located in parks are typically only evaluated every 13 - 14 years, to the untrained eye, it may look as if a tree is healthy; however, there could be serious problems that only a trained arbourist would identify and know how to mitigate.

It was

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

Commission (SHAC) receive the "**Tree Removal at Redwood Park**" report as information.

Carried

## C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

### 1. Conservation Plan and Structural Assessment of Old Anniedale School (9744 - 176 Street).

File: 6800-20 (provided on table)

Before the on-table report was discussed, Chair noted that Pages 35 and 42 of the report contained wording which referred to "demolition". The Chair clarified that there are no plans to demolish the structure and any reference to the word "demolition" contained in the report will be removed and the document they received on-table is to be considered a "draft" for review purposes only.

In response, staff clarified that the consultant used a standard template and that they have contacted the consultant and requested that the wording be corrected; however, they did not receive the corrections in time for the June meeting.

Staff noted they will provide the Commission with a revised copy of the report at the July 20, 2016 SHAC meeting.

The following comments were made:

- Staff provided an overview of the on-table report as follows:
  - The consultant provided recommendations and restoration cost estimates with priority level 1 and 2.
  - For the conservation plan they found that there were no significant alterations and that the form, scale and massing are intact.
  - The conservation plan prepared recommends the reconstruction of the chimney stairs and some other aspects of the building.
  - The structural assessment found the foundation is in good condition. The roof is well constructed but would need to be updated to comply with current building codes.
  - The Hazmat Report noted the building requires remediation of all gypsum and underlying lathe and plaster. Asbestos with vermiculite was found in the upper attic as well as lead paint was found in the interior and exterior of the building.

Staff noted that the recommendations provided by the consultant were categorized and should be addressed within a one year timeframe.

Additional comments regarding the report were as follows:

- Staff clarified that the costs contained within the report are related specifically to moving the building and undertaking the Hazmat work.
- The Commission discussed that the next logical steps would be as follows:
  - Reach out to the School Board and ascertain whether or not they are prepared to sell the building to the City of Surrey;
  - Work with City staff to ensure that the City of Surrey has a place to land the building once purchased;
  - Determine who will program the building; and
  - Determine how the building will be maintained.
- Staff reiterated that the report from the Consultant should be viewed as a framework to assess initial costs associated with building remediation and potential relocation. Any plans concerning programing, and ongoing maintenance will require additional discussions between the various stakeholders.

The Chair noted that he would arrange a meeting to discuss with staff and the School Board within the coming weeks.

Staff noted that the Commission will receive the revised report at the July 20, 2016 SHAC meeting.

## D. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

#### (a) Variances for New Construction Following the Demolition of Registered Heritage Buildings

File: 6800-01

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Hol  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission (SHAC) receives the "Variances for New Construction  
Following the Demolition of Registered Heritage Buildings" report as  
information.

Carried

(b) **Uploading of Statements of Significance (SOS) to the Canadian Register of Historic Places**

File: 6800-01

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol  
Seconded by Commissioner Plug  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission (SHAC):

1. Receive the "Uploading of Statements of Significance (SOS) to the Canadian Register of Historic Places" report as information; and
2. Recommend that staff forward the report to the Province for uploading to the Canadian Register of Historic Places database.

Carried

(c) **Charles Feedham House (14040 32 Avenue)  
Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Amending Agreement**

File: 6800-20

The following comments were made:

- The Chair noted that the house is in incredibly good shape. The property has been very well maintained and is in heritage character.
- The garage and studio will be demolished. When the HRA was negotiated originally, the owner agreed to a decrease in the FAR. The zone allows for .25 and it was restricted to .15.
- Staff noted that the owner will be permitted to build a second dwelling on the property and the floor area of the two dwellings will still be below what is allowable in the current zone.
- The Commission noted that the proposed home complements the existing structure.
- Staff noted that one of the interesting features with the site is that the house was never square to the road, it pre-dates the roads and it was an old house that was located out in the bush. When the house was relocated to its current location it maintained its original angle to the road.
- In response to a question from the Commission, staff noted that the current zone only allows for one building and the second dwelling is an incentive.

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

Commission (SHAC):

1. Receive the Charles Feedham House (14040 32 Avenue) Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Amending Agreement as information;
2. Provide preliminary comments on proposed amendments to Heritage Revitalization Agreement By-law, 2005, No. 15804; and
3. Recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development that staff be directed to proceed with the preparation of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Amending Agreement for the Charles Feedham House.

Carried

(d) **SHAC Task List**

File: 0540-20V

The following comments were made:

- **Meadow Ridge Heritage Alteration (HRA) Permit** - Staff noted that the permit was issued and this item will be removed from the Task List.
- **Workplan Priorities 2014/2015** - The Commission requested staff to include the Task List as part of the upcoming Heritage Strategic Review discussions

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Plug  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission (SHAC) receive the SHAC Task List as information.

Carried

**2. PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE****(a) Surrey Columbian Centennial Totem Pole**

File: 6800-10

The following comments were made:

- Staff noted that an assessment was conducted and the Centennial Totem Pole was found to be in good condition and only minor deterioration.
- One of the concerns raised by the consultant during the assessment was that the site where the Totem Pole is located is not getting enough sunlight and that both the grounds and the Totem Pole are not drying quickly enough.
- Staff noted that based on the recommendations in the report, the natural vegetation in the surrounding area will be better managed. Tree branches and shrubs will be either pruned or relocated to provide better sightlines from HWY 10 to the Totem Pole.
- One of the comments from the Commission and other community groups is that there is not enough knowledge about the Totem Pole and the story of its origins and gift to the City. Staff noted that the Totem Pole will be added to the City's Public Art Collection, further enhancing it as an asset.
- Staff noted that interpretive signage will be added to the site and the information contained on the City of Surrey website will be enhanced.
- The Chair noted that this report is recommending leaving the Totem Pole where it is and cleaning up around it but did not address if the Totem Pole can (or should be) moved from the present location.
- The Chair noted there would be a cost factor associated with moving it, maintaining it and that a motion would be required from the Commission to request staff to provide a report to explore other possibilities.

It was

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

Commission (SHAC) receive the Surrey Columbian Centennial Totem Pole report as information.

Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission (SHAC) recommends that staff:

1. Explore the merits and feasibility of potentially relocating the totem pole to another location to provide increased visibility and enhanced profile;
2. Provide the Commission with a set of guidelines, that are culturally sensitive, that include public consultation considerations associated with potential relocation plans; and
3. Examine the merits of preserving the totem pole at its current location and providing increased visibility and public access.

Carried

**3. ENGINEERING**

**4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Flavors of Surrey / Fusion Festival 2016**  
File: N/A - Verbal Update

Staff noted that the Flavours of Surrey normally occurs in conjunction with the Fusion Festival; however, the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee opted to rebrand the celebration to align with Agriculture Week; September 15 to September 17, 2016.

The new event will be called "Pie in the Plaza" Celebration and it will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Surrey City Hall in Civic Plaza from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Staff noted that a memo and invitation to participate in the "Pie in the Plaza" celebration will be provided for members of the Commission at the July 20, 2016 SHAC meeting.

The Commission noted that consideration should be given aligning Heritage Activities with appropriate events and noted that this topic should be included as part of the Workplan Priorities discussion planned for the fall.



2. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference - June 2-5, 2016  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
File: N/A - Verbal Update

The Chair noted that he attended the Winnipeg FCM and that the City has significant history.

During the conference he attended a Heritage Building Conservation tour that involved the Exchange District, which is a national historic site and a tour of Sir Hugh John MacDonald House which was constructed in 1895. The House is a rare intact example of one of the finest Queen Anne Revival-style buildings in Winnipeg.

The tour also visited the Millennium Centre which was formerly known as The Canadian Bank of Commerce Building which originally opened in 1889.

The Chair noted that one of the interesting features of the walking tour is that many heritage sites have interactive QR codes (two-dimensional barcode), on all the signs users can swipe on their cell phones and receive all the information regarding the history of the building or unique feature.

3. **Legacy Book Project**  
File: N/A - Verbal Update

Staff provided an update regarding the progress of the Legacy Book Project and noted that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recently ran advertisements in the local newspapers soliciting public input in the form of stories, or photographs in various Town Centre locations throughout the City. Each event was well attended and in total there were 165 people who showed up to share information and stories.

Staff noted that it will be a big job as the project is one year from the official launch date and that it is exciting that there is a lot of support and interest within the Community for the project.

## H. FINANCIALS

1. **Financial Summary as at May 31, 2016**  
File: 0540-20V

It was

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

Commission (SHAC) receive Financial Summary as at May 31, 2016 as information.

Carried

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on **July 20, 2016** in **2E Committee Room B**.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Plug  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor Woods, Chairperson