

**Present:**

Councillor Stutt, Chair  
M. Himler  
F. Lou  
P. Priddy  
J. Ring

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

K. Hardie, Manager, Heritage Services  
K. Baglo, Heritage Planner  
L. Blake, Assistant City Clerk

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**HOUSEKEEPING****1. Introductions**

A roundtable of introduction was had.

**2. Election of 2024 Vice-Chair**

It was

Vice-Chair for the 2024 year.

Moved by Commissioner Hilmer  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That Commissioner Lou be appointed as

Carried

**A. ADOPTIONS****1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Lou  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That:

1. The agenda of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission meeting held on February 14, 2024, be amended to add:

- Item G.1: Reconsideration of the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association Request For Commemorative Street Naming on 177B Street;
- Item G.2: International Women's Day; and

2. The agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

**2. Adoption of November 7, 2023 Minutes**

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer  
That:

1. The minutes of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission meeting held on November 7, 2023 be amended by removing the words "Due to past differences" on page six; and
2. The minutes be adopted as amended.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Susanne Tabata, CEO and Linda Kawamoto Reid  
Japanese Canadian Legacies Society**

The delegation provided a presentation regarding a province-wide funding initiative. The following information was highlighted:

- The Japanese Canadian Legacies Society is supporting local communities with developing heritage projects at 30 sites of significance for the history of Japanese Canadians in BC. The \$10 million Heritage Sites program is part of a \$100 million historical BC Redress package that was negotiated through the provincial government. Funding will be distributed as part of a six-pillar framework: monuments, education, seniors health and wellness, community and culture, heritage restoration, and anti-racism.
- The Society's initiatives are connected to the forced uprooting, dispossession and internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II. The Japanese Canadian community is small but mighty and has a strong national presence. For its size and population, Surrey is underserved in its recognition of Japanese Canadians.
- For its heritage work, the Society is meeting with regional governments and heritage societies across the province to share the origin story of Japanese Canadians. A top grant of \$400,000 is intended to build something of significance and value to the community. The deadline to submit a proposal is March 1, 2024.

**2. Kelsey Baglo, Heritage Planner**

The Heritage Planner provide an overview of the heritage planning and highlighted the following information:

- Planning & Development has moved to values-based heritage conservation and considers heritage to be whatever a community, past or present, values and would like to pass onto the future, regardless of age or vintage. Heritage can have many different values, including aesthetic, cultural, social, spiritual and scientific. This approach also helps diversify heritage.
- The Heritage Inventory is a list of properties and features that potentially have heritage significance but require further evaluation. Properties listed on the Heritage Inventory must be assessed by a heritage professional to determine if addition to the Heritage Register is warranted.
- The Heritage Register is a list of properties that are considered by Council to have heritage value or character.
- Permanent heritage protection measures include Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) By-law, Heritage Designation By-law and Heritage Conservation Covenant.
- Heritage buildings can be retained through adaptive reuse, such as converting heritage buildings into commercial units. Examples of adaptive reuse in Surrey include the Baron von Mackensen House and Boothroyd House.
- A Heritage Alteration Permit is a permit that allows for the alteration to a heritage protected building that is not permitted within the applicable bylaw.
- Heritage grants are available to owners of protected heritage properties. Each property is eligible for \$5,000 per year, and can accumulate a maximum of \$15,000. Grants can be utilized for up to 50% of the work and can be used for the relocation of a heritage home, structural improvements, reinforcement, maintenance, fire protection or security.

**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

This section had no items.

**D. NEW BUSINESS****1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****(a) Wright House at 15265 16 Avenue  
Proposed Rezoning, Development Permit and Heritage  
Revitalization Agreement (HRA)  
Addition to the Heritage Register**

The Heritage Planner summarized the report dated December 19, 2023 regarding a proposed rezoning, Development Permit and Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw (HRA) that has been received for the Wright House located at 15265 16 Avenue. The following information was highlighted:

- The Wright House is valued for its orientation towards 16 Avenue, side gabled roof with open soffits, exposed rafter ends, pointed tail barge boards, front and back porch, wooden cove lap siding and corner boards, multi-pane upper sash, double hung and single glaze wood frame windows and internal brick chimney and pot belly stove.
- The development proposal is for a 20-storey apartment building with 181 units and ground floor commercial space. The Wright House is proposed to be retained as a commercial unit and would retain its orientation towards 16 Avenue.
- The Wright House is currently on the Heritage Inventory and was found to have intangible heritage value. The City Architect suggested that the house also possesses heritage value as it helps tell the story of what Semiahmoo Town Centre used to look like and would help to diversify the building types on the Heritage Register.

In response to questions from the Commission, the Heritage Planner provided the following information:

- The specific commercial use of the Wright House has not yet been determined.
- There is currently a tenant living in the house.
- A replica of a heritage property is generally not sought unless the original structure is damaged or demolished.

The Commission noted the following comments:

- There are many examples of this type of architecture throughout the city and this does not appear to be a special example. The home's features do not appear to be features that must be preserved.

- Many of these homes have had tenants living in them for a long period of time. There does not appear to be much information in the history of this house of specific people living there.
- Effort could be better spent on other heritage programs.
- Housing is a critical need in the city and can take precedence over other items such as heritage retention.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Lou

Seconded by Commissioner Ring

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the report dated December 19, 2023 regarding a proposed rezoning, Development Permit and Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw (HRA) for the Wright House located at 15265 16 Avenue as information.

Carried

The Chair recognized Kevin Shoemaker, the Architect on behalf of the project, who noted the following information:

- The applicant was requested by the City to retain the house.
- If retained, the house could be an interesting anomaly in an urban centre and provide an interruption to the streetscape.
- The house is currently not on a foundation and is not in good condition. As the house will need to be brought down to the studs, it would be more cost effective to create a replica due to the seismic and building code requirements.

Staff advised that the Wright House would be removed from the Heritage Inventory.

**(b) Heritage Alteration Permit  
James Creighton House (10668 125B Street)**

The Heritage Planner summarized the report dated December 21, 2023 regarding a revised Heritage Alteration Permit application that has been received for the James Creighton House located at 10668 125B Street. The following information was highlighted:

- The James Creighton House is protected by a Heritage Designation Bylaw and required to comply with the Heritage Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw ("the Bylaw").

- The house has fallen into a state of disrepair and the property owner was advised of the necessary steps to bring the property into compliance with the Bylaw. A new owner recently purchased the property and is pursuing an existing development application for the property. The new owner has also submitted a revised Heritage Alteration Permit (HAP) that is required to bring the property into compliance with the Bylaw.
- Given the new ownership, timeframe for completion of items listed in the HAP will be extended by two years.

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
 Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer  
 That Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission  
 (SHAC) receive the report dated December 21, 2023 regarding a revised  
 Heritage Alteration Permit application for the James Creighton House  
 located at 10668 125B Street as information.

Carried

**(c) Heritage Plaque Program**

The Heritage Planner advised that the plaque layout has been finalized and has gone into production.

In response to a question from the Commission, the Heritage Planner advised that approximately 16 plaques will be produced.

**(d) Heritage Grant Post Cards**

The Heritage Planner advised that heritage grant post cards are sent out annually to owners of protected heritage properties to remind them of the financial assistance grants that are available, as well as permissive property tax exemptions.

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
 Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
 Commission allocate up to \$300 from the Unrestricted Reserve for heritage  
 grant post cards.

Carried

2. **PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE**

(a) **Intent to Apply for Project Funding and Project Proposal  
Japanese Canadian Legacies Society**

The Manager, Heritage Services, and Lorene Oikawa, a partner on the application, provided the following report regarding the project proposal and intent to apply for project funding from the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society:

- The project is an opportunity to share the experiences of Japanese Canadians in Surrey who were uprooted, interned and dispossessed during World War II. The project will be led by Heritage Services and include collaboration with the parks and public art departments. Lorene Oikawa will also provide guidance throughout the project process.
- The proposal consists of three components:
  - A commemorative plaza at R.A. Nicholson park;
  - A permanent display in Strawberry Hill Hall; and
  - A heritage feature at Inouye Park.
- The project is estimated to take three years to complete and will include regular community feedback and guidance throughout the process.

In response to questions from the Commission, the Manager, Heritage Services, provided the following information:

- There will be pre-scheduled community engagement events.
- Staff are not aware of a community association specific to the Strawberry Hill neighbourhood.
- Strawberry Hill Hall was built in 1909 as the Farmers Institute, then used by the Lions Club and was available for rent to the public.
- It is anticipated that the features for the proposal will be created by one artist to ensure continuity.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy

Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the verbal report regarding the intent to apply for project funding and project proposal for the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society as information.

Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Lou  
 Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
 Commission endorse the application to apply for funding from the  
 Japanese Canadian Legacies Society for a commemorative plaza at  
 R.A. Nicholson park, permanent display in Strawberry Hill Hall, and  
 heritage feature at Inouye Park as presented at the February 14, 2024  
 meeting. Carried

**(b) Brother-in-Arms Military Memorial Considerations**

The Manager, Heritage Services, summarized the on-table report dated January 11, 2024 regarding a "Brothers-in-Arms" military memorial in Veterans Square as presented by Steven Purewal, Managing Director, Indus Media Foundation at the November 7, 2023 meeting. The memorial is intended to remember the shared accomplishments of the Canadian and Indian armies during World War II. The Commission had directed staff to report back regarding the proposal. The following information was highlighted:

- Veterans Square is a purpose-built civic plaza that includes the Municipal Cenotaph and public art *Kneeling in Remembrance* by André Gautier, the names of Surrey residents who died in World Wars I and II, a large civic clock and the public artwork *The Rivers That Connect Us* by k'wy'i'y'e Spring Salmon Studio. Veterans Square hosts the Surrey Remembers ceremony annually on November 11, as well as other museum, heritage and community events.
- As per Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Establishment By-law, 1997, No. 13282, the Commission is mandated to:
  - Creating and maintaining a Surrey Heritage Register;
  - Identifying Surrey heritage properties and features for possible designation as a City heritage site;
  - Creating and maintaining significant Surrey heritage features or heritage properties through the installation of markers, plaques and cairns;
  - Supporting awareness of and appreciation of Surrey heritage through varied information formats and media; and
  - Supporting Surrey heritage activities and programs undertaken by the City and community in the areas of environmental, built, and cultural preservation and interpretation.



- While the proposal as presented at the November 7 SHAC meeting may not specifically align with the Commission's mandate, there are elements of the proposal that the Commission could support through other opportunities, such as:
  - Inclusive Remembrance Day ceremonies: Staff will continue to encourage leadership to hold events inclusive to all. Additional remembrance ceremonies could also be held at Veterans Square.
  - Update the existing cenotaph storyboard at Veteran's Square: Storyboards contextualize and elaborate on historical facts. There is an opportunity to expand upon this storyboard to further share that the site is a gathering place for Surrey residents and veterans from diverse backgrounds.
  - Public art opportunities: Through the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, public art staff can work towards an artist call(s) for public art that speaks to Punjabi cultural heritage in Surrey. Community engagement and a community selection panel would be a key part of such a process.
  - Identify more heritage opportunities: staff can engage with communities for a process to gather information and identify opportunities to help SHAC add more to the Community Heritage Register and the storyboard inventory, and to propose commemorative street or park names that will reflect Punjabi cultural heritage in Surrey.
  - Ongoing programming at City-owned museum and heritage facilities: Through the SHAC-designated chair at the Heritage Services Community Advisory Board, provide input and guidance on expanding upcoming programs and initiatives.

The Commission noted that it is important to keep its mandate in mind and focus on Surrey-based stories. The Commission also noted that staff have identified new opportunities that can build upon the work the City is already doing.

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
 Seconded by Commissioner Lou  
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
 Commission receive the on-table report dated January 11, 2024 regarding a  
 "Brothers-in-Arms" military memorial for information.

Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Lou  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission direct staff to respond to the Brothers-in-Arms proposal in  
accordance with the mandate of the Commission and the considerations  
identified in the report dated January 11, 2024 regarding a  
"Brothers-in-Arms" military memorial.

Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Hilmer  
Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission recommend that Council allocate up to \$15,000 from the  
Unrestricted Reserve to engage communities and advance the  
opportunities identified in the report dated January 11, 2024 regarding a  
"Brothers-in-Arms" military memorial.

Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission direct staff to consult with the British Columbia/Yukon Royal  
Canadian Legion and Cloverdale branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on  
the proposals as outlined in the report dated January 11, 2024 regarding a  
"Brothers-in-Arms" military memorial.

Carried

**(c) Civic Distinction Awards Program 2024**

The Manager, Heritage Services, summarized the report dated February 6, 2024 regarding the 2024 Civic Distinction Awards Program and highlighted the following information:

- The Civic Distinction Awards Program recognizes business and community leaders who have made a major contribution in their fields.
- There are two heritage awards to be considered: heritage education and awareness and heritage preservation.
- A working group of staff and a Commission representative will review nominations. Nominations will be brought to the Commission to make a recommendation to Council. The awards will be presented at a formal award ceremony to be held on November 14, 2024.

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission receive the report dated February 6, 2024 regarding the  
2024 Civic Distinction Awards Program for information.  
Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission appoint Commissioner Hilmer to serve on the adjudication  
committee for the heritage awards as part of the 2024 Civic Distinction  
Awards Program.  
Carried

**(d) Black History Month**

The Manager, Heritage Services, summarized the report dated February 3, 2024 regarding Black History Month and highlighted the following information:

- The 2024 theme for Black History Month is "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, a Future to Build".
- Residence can participate in programming including:
  - *Making Histories: An Exhibition of Black Artists*, created by four local Black artists, and will be open until April 3 at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre.
  - Surrey Libraries has created a special reading list for Black History Month.
  - Heritage Surrey will include various posts regarding Black History Month on its social media channels.

The Commission noted that Black History Month was also proclaimed at the February 12, 2024 Regular Council – Public Hearing meeting.

It was Moved by Commissioner Ring  
Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission receive the report dated February 3, 2024 regarding Black  
History Month for information.  
Carried

(e) **Heritage Week and Heritage BC Conference**

The Manager, Heritage Services, provided the following report regarding Heritage Week and the Heritage BC Conference:

- Heritage Week will be held from February 19 – 25, 2024. The theme is "Layer by Layer". In celebration of Heritage Week, Stewart Farm will host free drop-in events on February 19.
- The Heritage BC Conference will be held from May 1 – 3, 2024 in Nelson, and early bird registration closes on March 1. The conference theme is "Prioritizing People".

3. **ENGINEERING**

This section had no items to consider.

4. **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

This section has no items to consider.

5. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT and PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE**

(a) **HAC Task List**

File: 6800-01

The Heritage Planner provided the following Task List updates:

**Charles Feedham House**

The Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Bylaw amendment to allow for a second dwelling on the property has received final adoption. This item will be removed from the Task List.

**Mooring House and Cottage**

The application for a rezoning, subdivision and Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Bylaw has received final adoption. This item will be removed from the Task List.

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

This section had no items to consider.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

This section has no items to consider.

**G. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Reconsideration of the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association Request For Commemorative Street Naming on 177B Street**

Councillor Stutt spoke to the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association request that was discussed at the November 7, 2023 meeting. The Association has requested that a commemorative street name be added to 177B Street in honor of Will Senger, who was a longtime participant and volunteer for the Cloverdale Rodeo and has a long history associated with the rodeo grounds. Mr. Senger passed away in 2017. At the November 7 meeting, the Commission recommended that Council allocate up to \$7,500 from the Unrestricted Reserve to install a storyboard that includes acknowledgement of Will Senger's community contributions on the Rodeo Grounds. Council approved the recommendation at the November 20, 2023 Regular Council – Public Hearing meeting.

Councillor Stutt requested that the Commission reconsider recommending a commemorative street name for 177B Street in honor of Will Senger, in addition to the storyboard that was previously approved.

It was  
Commission request that staff report back regarding a commemorative street name for 177B Street in recognition of Will Senger.

Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Carried

**2. International Women's Day**

Commissioner Priddy advised that March 8 is International Women's Day. The 2024 theme is "Inspire Inclusion".

**H. FINANCIALS****1. Financial Summary as at November 30, 2023**

No updates were provided.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on **March 13, 2024** in **2E Committee Room B**.

**J. MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION**

It was  
Commission close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1) (a) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

Moved by Commissioner Lou  
Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

“(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

Carried

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Lou  
Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

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Councillor Stutt, Chairperson