

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission – Minutes

Planning Boardroom 1 City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013 Time: 5:00 pm

Present:	<u>Absent</u> :	Staff Present:
Chair - Councillor Steele W. Farrand R. Hart L. Tannen	S. Thomas B. Hol Guests: D. Johnson, Surrey Historical Society Yvette Dudley-Neuman, Sara Holt, and Doug Cameron, Heritage Re-Enactors Jeremy Nickel, Nickel Bros. Roger Rivera, Nickel Bros. Gordon Eddy, Surrey School District 36 Chuck Konklin, HomeLife Commercial Realty	J. O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation & Culture S. Long, Planning & Development H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Heritage Re-Enactors: Surrey's True Stories

Heritage Re-Enactment Coordinator, Yvette Dudley-Neuman provided an introduction of the re-enactment program and introduced the re-enactor characters. Miss Mary Jane Shannon (Sara Holt) and Dr. Fredrick Sinclair (Doug Cameron) provided an interactive re-enactment skit of true life in Surrey in a one room school during the period 1872 to 1945.

The meeting reconvened to Planning Boardroom #1 – 5:25 pm

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

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

minutes of June 26, 2013, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

2.

Old Anniedale School (9744 – 176 Street) File: 0540-20

> The Old Anniedale School is the only single room schoolhouse remaining in Surrey and is protected by Heritage Designation Bylaw, 1986, No. 8579. This site is currently owned by the Surrey School District but is for sale. The property is designated for

light industrial in the Anniedale-Tynehead NCP. Nickel Bros. are seeking to purchase the property and propose an OCP amendment and Temporary Use Permit (TUP). The applicant is keen to preserve the school house either off site or on site.

Jeremy Nickel, President and Roger Rivera of Nickel Bros., Gordon Eddy of Surrey School District 36 and Chuck Konklin of HomeLife Commercial Realty attended to discuss the Old Anniedale School building and property and the options for long term use of the heritage building.

The delegation noted that the old school house was to be moved prior to Nickel Bros. taking possession of the property and that Nickel Bros. would take over maintenance from that point. The potential TUP application could show potential uses for the old school building such as a chapel for weddings, a training centre for young people for youth programs, daycare and other uses including annual heritage uses, however at this time there are no long term plans.

Nickel Bros. would be looking to obtain industrial zoning for the site. The location is strategic and the plan would be to move their head offices to this location. If the old school building was to remain on site they would have to look at beyond the 6 year temporary use period, however public access would be retained. Nickel Bros. are experienced heritage movers, therefore it is in their best interest to preserve the old school house; demolition of the building is not an option.

Representative of School District 36 stated that the District is interested in relocating the old school house, but there is no school district funding available. Tynehead Community Association has an interest in the old school house but does not have a location to move the school to, nor funding available. Due to the small amounts of asbestos within its walls, the building would need to be remediated prior to being relocated. Costs associated with remediating and moving the building were discussed.

The delegation was thanked for attending the meeting and the delegates departed.

Commission comments were as follows:

- Nickel Bros. are motivated to retain the old school house. The old school house is a very interesting little building garnering a lot of public interest.
- The Commissioners considered the following:
 - The asbestos must be dealt with before the building can be used. Matching funds are available for the required remediation through the Building Preservation Program.
 - Should a suitable relocation site be found, are funds available to help affect the move? What are the legal options and financial options?
 - Should the old school house remain on the current site?
- Should Nickel Bros. be successful in buying the land, the school house will be in the best hands it can be in. Nickel Bros. have been in business for 60 years and leaving the old school house in its current location is the best short-term solution since it will be visible, out of the way, and secure. Nickel Bros. would be motivated to move and care for the school as the school is under heritage protection and Nickel Bros. are prepared to enter into a Heritage Restoration Agreement (HRA).
- Because it is on what may become Nickel Bros. property, and with business partners working together, there may be a way to make it a potential school again but as a centre for education and training about heritage restoration.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

- 1. SHAC Task List File: 0540-20 V
 - Old Anniedale school

Remove the wording: "Nickel Bros. to be invited..." Otherwise, item to remain on task list.

• Heritage Precinct

Creating a heritage precinct area at 176A and 176B Streets would be economically beneficial to that area as revitalization is already happening in Cloverdale. The City of Surrey is looking at a Town Centre Strategy that may provide an opportunity to examine how to better celebrate the heritage of the area.

The Heritage Rail project has been a significant investment by the City of Surrey. In addition, a number of partners in heritage are working to revitalize the Cloverdale area. The Re-Enactors have offered to foster a profile and, as their troupe numbers grow, will go into businesses to perform and interact with people.

It was

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

recommends to Council that item Nov. 18/09 Heritage Precinct, be removed from the Task List.

Carried

2. Flavours of Surrey and Fusion Festival

Surrey Fusion Festival was held July 20-21, 2013. The Fusion Festival event showcased 36 cultural pavilions, a main stage with live entertainment and several other fun/interactive activities geared to all ages.

It was recommended the Flavours of Surrey, Re-Enactors, and Heritage tents be located side by side at future Fusion Festivals for greater impact and benefit.

The winner of the Fusion Festival Heritage gift basket was drawn. Staff agreed to contact the winner to ensure they received their gift basket.

3. Meadow Ridge Farm (16390 - 64 Avenue)

Staff advised that the Company hired for the Bose farmhouse move and the restoration work on the barn is to be commended for their diligence and for being very responsible in their work. The old farm house is now situated behind the barn.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Uploading of Statements of Significance (SOS) to the Canadian Register of Historic Places (CRHP) File: 6800-10

The Statement of Significance (SOS) is a document that identifies a property's heritage value(s) and was established under the Federal Historic Places Initiative (HPI) as a standard way of describing heritage sites in Canada. A SOS document contains images of the historic place and text consisting of three parts: description of a historic place, heritage value, and character-defining elements. Between 2005 and 2011, SOS documents for 80 of Surrey's significant heritage sites, features and buildings were uploaded to the CRHP.

The Commission was requested to approve to forward the Statements of Significance to the Provincial Heritage Branch for uploading to the Canadian Register of Historic Places of the following Surrey heritage sites:

- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 16017 8 Avenue
- Brooksdale Estate, 19353 16 Avenue
- Meadow Ridge Farm, 16390 64 Avenue

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Hart That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission:

- 1. receive the Uploading of Statements of Significance to the Canadian Register of Historic Places Report as information; and
- 2. approve the following Statements of Significance attached to the report as Appendix I for uploading to the Canadian Register of Historic Places:
 - Seventh Day Adventist Church, 16017 8 Avenue
 - Brooksdale Estate, 19353 16 Avenue
 - Meadow Ridge Farm, 16390 64 Avenue <u>Carried</u>

(b) Development Variance Permit Application for Setbacks at 13021 Crescent Road

File: 0540-20

The history and heritage value of the Crescent Road corridor was discussed along with its link to the pioneer origins of Surrey and its early settlement and development in the Elgin and Crescent Beach areas. Key elements that define the heritage character of the Crescent Road corridor include its semi-rural character; restricted road width; curving layout that follows natural contours; landscaped and natural verges; the planting of Western Flowering Dogwood; and the prominence of indigenous species including Western Red Cedar, Douglas Fir and Big-leaf Maple trees. The applicant is proposing to vary the front yard setback (facing Crescent Road) for an accessory building from 18 meters to 7.16 meters. The main building and dwelling is located at the back of the property and an accessory building is located at the front of the property that received an addition to it which encroaches into the required 18 meter setback. A request made to the Board of Variance in 2012 was denied.

Commission comments were as follows:

- Crescent Road is a heritage designation road.
- An accessory building requires a larger setback from the road. If the • locations of the house and shed were flipped, the house would be located as close to the road as the accessory building currently is.
- The style of the accessory building and how it relates to the heritage road • were discussed. The proposed structure is unattractive. It was recommended that, aesthetically, the structure could be made more visually attractive and appealing by integrating heritage design features.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Farrand That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the Development Variance Permit Application for Setbacks at 13021 Crescent Road report, as information.

Carried

PARKS AND RECREATION 2.

(a) The 1912 Hall

The front windows of the 1912 Hall are leaking and causing problems on the second floor. The seals have failed on multiple windows causing water damage to the window frames on the second floor small windows. Funding is in place for replacement of those windows this summer/fall to mitigate significant maintenance issues in future. The existing windows were installed during a 1993 restoration and upgrade and have served their life expectancy. Windows on the west and east sides are original windows. The north side main floor windows, the four windows on the second floor, and the east side basement windows are reproduction windows. New windows will be replicas of the original windows.

Commission comments were as follows:

Replacement windows to be double sealed windows.

It was

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

approve the replacement of the old 1912 City Hall windows with double sealed replicas of the original windows.

Carried

- **ENGINEERING** 3.
- **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES** 4.

E. **ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

F. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Heritage Canada Foundation Name Change Survey 1.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Farrand That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the Heritage Canada Foundation Name Change Survey correspondence of June 27, 2013, as information.

Moved by Commissioner Tannen

Carried

G. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- City Policy O-53 Commemorative Street Naming Policy 1.
- Heritage BC Notice of Annual General Meeting 2.

It was

Seconded by Commissioner Hart That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the City Commemorative Street Naming Policy O-53 and Heritage BC Notice of AGM, as information.

Carried

H. **OTHER BUSINESS**

I. **FINANCIALS**

Financial Summary as at June 30, 2013 1. File: 0540-20V

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart Seconded by Commissioner Tannen That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the Financial Summary as at June 30, 2013, as information. **Carried**

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for September 25, 2013, at 5:00 pm, in the Planning Boardroom 1.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission