

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission - Minutes

Room 405, City Centre Library 10350 University Drive Surrey, B.C. WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Absent:

L. Tannen

Councillor Woods, Chair

D. Evans

Present:

B. Hol

D. Plug

P. Priddy

R. Gallagher, Parks, Recreation & Culture

D. Luymes, Planning & Development

A. Parsons, Planning & Development

P. Klassen, Parks, Recreation & Culture

L. Blake, Legislative Services

Staff Present:

Councillor Woods, Chair, added the following items to the agenda:

D.1(b): Demolition Permit Application (13219/13229 104 Avenue)

D.1(c): Charles Feedham House Update (Verbal Report)

F.2: 2017 BC Heritage Federation

G.1: "History of Surrey" Book Project Update

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

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It was

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

Commission (SHAC) recommends that the March 22, 2017 minutes be adopted.

Carried

В. **DELEGATIONS**

Patrick Klassen, Parks & Recreation Planner 1.

File: 6180-01

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Parks, Recreation & Culture Strategic (PRC) Plan. A workshop regarding Heritage Services has been scheduled for June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Surrey Museum.

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

Through surveys, residents have indicated that they prefer library access as part of integrated services. As PRC staff is not directly involved in the delivery of library services, PRC staff have been working with Library staff to align their goals with PRC goals.

- In general, forest trails, passive grass area and playgrounds are the three most requested items suggested during PRC surveys.
- There are seven or eight initiatives included in the Strategic Plan that have been created based on the Surrey Urban Indigenous Innovation Strategy.
- The Phase 1 Community Summary report is available on the City's website at http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/3096.aspx.
- In order to include additional youth feedback, staff will be delivering workshops to high school students during class time.
- In order to receive additional feedback from Newton area residents, staff representatives will be sent to Newton to speak directly with residents.
- The language included in the Strategic Plan will indicate that City parks are universally accessible.

2. Commissioner David Plug

File: 6800-01

Commissioner Plug provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing his personal proposal and discuss the merits of installing a New Nicomekl Monument that would be visible from both King George Boulevard and Highway 99.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission provided the following comments:

- The City has various policies and facets to consider. For example, there may be issues in using heritage funds to create public art.
- The Indigenous community is seeking collaboration, therefore it could be beneficial to include the indigenous community in the creation of a Nicomekl monument.
- Monuments should be of national significance. As the Nicomekl River was used by James McMillian of the Hudson's Bay Company to connect with Fort Langley, the monument could be considered to be of national significance.
- The proposal could remove the term "monument", which could provide an easier process to create an item increasing the recognition of the Nicomekl River and its history.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy Seconded by Commissioner Evans

That Commissioner Plug's proposal to install

a new Nicomekl Monument be forwarded to the General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

Carried

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

"History of Surrey" Book Project Update File: N/A (Verbal Report)

Staff provided the following update regarding the "History of Surrey" book project:

- The Commission had allocated \$40,000 in funds from the Unrestricted Reserve Budget to support a legacy book project entitled "The History of Surrey."
- It was anticipated that the book would be launched on Canada Day (July 1) 2017, as part of the Canada 150 Celebration.
- While the project is making progress, it is not anticipated that the book will be ready in time for Canada Day. Staff have suggested rescheduling the launch date to Fall 2017, and the "History of Surrey" Book Subcommittee is supportive of the rescheduled date.

In response to questions from the Commission, staff advised that the book will be created in a presentation style, which includes topical themes with sidebar presentations or pop outs containing factual information regarding the city and individuals.

The Commission expressed appreciation to all individuals involved in the book process for their hard work. It was suggested that rescheduling the launch date could make the event more special and provide additional attention for the book.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Plug Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That the Commission receive the oral report

regarding the "History of Surrey" Book Project Update for information; and,

That the Commission endorse the rescheduled launch date of fall 2017 for the "History of Surrey" book.

<u>Carried</u>

D. NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Anderson Cabin (17710 56A Avenue)
Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Application
File: 6800-10

Staff summarized the report dated May 12, 2017 regarding a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) application that has been received for the Anderson Cabin, located at 17710 56A Avenue.

Alec Page, Core Project Management, advised that the museum project consists of three phases: the construction of the museum; the expansion of the museum; and relocation of the Anderson Cabin. A Conservation Plan for the Anderson Cabin has been completed.

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

- The City of Surrey is the current owner of the cabin.
- An HRA is the best mechanism to legally attach a Conservation Plan to the building.
- Anniedale School and the 1881 City Hall both do not currently have an HRA; however, both are protected through a Heritage Designation Bylaw.
- A Conservation Plan was created for Anniedale School in association with a structural report that was completed for the building, commissioned and funded by the SHAC.
- Additional and alternative uses have been considered for all three heritage buildings. The City encourages community groups to utilize these buildings as affordable places to conduct meetings.

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

- Commission (SHAC) recommends that Council:
- Receive the "Anderson Cabin (17710 56A Avenue)
 Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Application"
 report as information; and,
- 2. Recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development Department that the Heritage Revitalization

Agreement for the Anderson Cabin be forwarded to Council for consideration.

Carried

(b) Demolition Permit Application (13219/13229 104 Avenue) (On-Table Report)

File: 6800-10

Staff summarized the on-table report dated May 18, 2017 regarding a Demolition Permit Application that has been received for 13219/13229 104 Avenue.

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

- The home had been presented to SHAC in the past, and the Commission indicated that the home enough heritage interest to be included on a "watch list".
- The heritage assessment that was included as part of the ontable report was commissioned by the owner of the home.

The Commission noted that it could be permissible to issue a demolition permit for the home, as the home is in poor condition, and not because it is a modest post-war home.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Plug Seconded by Commissioner Priddy That That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) recommends that Council:

Receive the "Demolition Permit Application (13219/13229) 1. 104 Avenue) " report as information. Carried

(c) Charles Feedham House Update (Verbal Report) File: N/A

> Staff provided the following verbal update regarding the Charles Feedham House:

- The Charles Feedham house is protected by a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA). The current owner is seeking to sell the house, and has expressed concern regarding the offers that have been received. The owner has spoken with staff and Council regarding the situation.
- In early 2015/2016, staff were working with the owner to revise the HRA to allow for additional floor space. The revision was brought forward to the Commission for

consideration, and the Commission expressed support for the revision.

- In March 2017, the owner applied for a demolition permit, and the permit was issued in error in April. Staff became aware of the error on May 16, and cancelled the permit immediately.
- The prospective purchaser for the house has indicated that they do not want to demolish the house, and would prefer to build a second dwelling as part of an HRA amendment.

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

- This is the second time a demolition permit has been issued in error. Moving forward, a series of checks and balances will be followed, and staff will be thoroughly trained.
- As part of HRA amendment options for the property, an effort is being made to retain the visibility of the heritage home. A second dwelling would be required to be setback.
- With the slope of the property, a garage could be implemented in the basement level of the second dwelling, and therefore would not be included in the Floor Space Ratio (FSR).
- It is anticipated that an HRA amendment for the property will be brought forward in the future.
- 2. PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
- 3. ENGINEERING
- 4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
- E. CORRESPONDENCE
- F. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - 1. **2017** Heritage BC Conference Summary File: 0390-20

Commissioners Penny Priddy and Lesley Tannen attended on behalf of SHAC.

Commissioner Priddy provided the following report regarding the 2017 Heritage BC Conference:

- The conference focussed on getting youth excited about heritage. For example, heritage stories were created by children for children.
- Youth and indigenous youth were clear that they wanted to be collaborators in projects.
- An indigenous theme was woven throughout all the workshops.
 Presenters indicated that indigenous stories should be delivered by indigenous individuals in their preferred method.
- Victoria City staff spoke to its tax benefits with respect to heritage, including a building incentive and a tax exemption incentive.
- Technology, innovation and the importance of having a strategy to implement technology was discussed.

In response to questions from the Commission, Commissioner Priddy advised that there was no recommendation to have indigenous representation on community heritage boards and commissions made at the conference.

The Commission requested that staff investigate adding indigenous representation on the Commission.

2. 2017 BC Heritage Federation

Commissioner Plug advised that he will be attending the 2017 BC Heritage Federation conference.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at April 30, 2017

File: 0540-20V

Staff advised that heritage restoration for the Cecil Hempel House was recently inspected and approved, therefore the funds allocated to that project were released.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol

Seconded by Commissioner Evans

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission (SHAC) receive the Financial Summary as at February 28, 2017

as information.

Carried

I. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 in 2E Committee Room B.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol

Seconded by Commissioner Priddy

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:04.

Councillor Woods, Chairperson