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Surrey Heritage Advisory **Commission - Minutes**

1E - Committee Room B City Hall 13450 - 104 Avenue Surrey, B.C. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present:	<u>Absent</u> :	Staff Present:
Councillor Annis, Chair D. Plug D. Evans P. Priddy L. Tannen	B. Hol	R. Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Administration and Facilities L. Saffery, Museum Manager D. Zuk, Heritage Planner L. Blake, Administrative Assistant

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Heritage Survey Questions
- Peace Arch News Article Regarding Elevated Homes in Crescent Beach;
- Friends of Surrey Museum and Archives Society Admission Sponsorship Program

A. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes - January 9, 2019 1.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy Seconded by Commissioner Tannen That the minutes of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission meeting held on January 9, 2019, be amended on page two to read "be received for information" and be adopted as amended. Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

Erik Paulsson, President, Red Storm Productions 1.

The delegation provided a preview of the documentaries created for the relocation of Anniedale School and the 1881 Town Hall.

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

- It is anticipated that the 1881 Town Hall and Anniedale School will be to • the public by Summer 2019. It would be ideal to premiere the films at the public opening of the buildings.
- As the City owns the rights to the films, they can be utilized for numerous purposes such as promotion and marketing.
- The Museum will program Anniedale School and 1881 Town Hall for educational and public programming purposes.

The Commission commended both films, noting a good use of stories and formats that can be utilized for various requirements. The Commission suggested that staff could show the films at professional workshops and conferences.

C. **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

D. **NEW BUSINESS**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 1.

(a) Development Application 7916-0354-00 (Robert D. MacKenzie House) 5634 182 Street File: 6800-10

Staff summarized the report dated February 4, 2019 regarding a revised proposal that has been received for the Robert D. MacKenzie located at 5634 182 Street. The proposal is to relocate the house to a new lot fronting 182A Street.

The Commission commended the Applicant and staff for adjusting the proposal to retain the house and additional trees.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy Seconded by Commissioner Evans That the Heritage Advisory Commission receive the report dated February 4, 2019 for information. Carried

(b) **HAC Task List** File: 0540-20V

> Staff advised that the Task List will be updated to a new format so it is easier to read and understand anticipated timelines. The Commission noted that the debut of the updated Task List would be an ideal opportunity to do an in-depth review of the Task List and identify the Commission's priorities.

In response to a question from the Commission, staff advised that an open house for the Historic Context Statement and Thematic Framework is anticipated for early spring 2019. The Framework will be brought forward to the Commission for review prior to its public release.

2. PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

(a) Summary of Meeting with Delegation regarding Komagata Maru Commemoration

File: N/A (Verbal Report)

The Chair recognized Raj Singh Toor, Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society, and invited him to address the Commission.

Mr. Toor noted the following information:

- The City's Street Naming Policy could be changed.
- Historian Dr. Hugh Johnston has indicated that various Vancouver and Fraser Valley families contributed food, water and medicine to Komagata Maru passengers. There would have been South Asian residents living in rural Surrey at this time.
- The City of Brampton, Ontario, has named a park in honor of the Komagata Maru despite its distance from where the event occurred.
- The event is part of BC history. Surrey has a large South Asian population and renaming a street or park in honor of the Komagata Maru would provide a connection to this population's history in BC.

Staff summarized the on-table memo dated February 13, 2019 regarding a meeting with staff and Mr. Toor to discuss Mr. Toor's request to have a street renamed in honor of the Komagata Maru and highlighted the following information:

- Staff are interested to receive information which may demonstrate how Surrey residents were involved in providing relief to Komagata Maru passengers. However, this information was not available at the time of the report.
- The Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society remains most interested in renaming a street or park in memory of the Komagata Maru passengers. The Society is aware of the existing mural on the PICS building in Strawberry Hill and is not interested in it.
- Staff advised that the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society could request to appear before Council and suggest that the street naming and parks naming policies be amended.

The Commission noted made the following comments:

• Not all commemorative street names in Surrey have received the endorsement of the Heritage Commission.

- Many of the commemorative street names are focused around other physical commemorative functions, such as the Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre and the Royal Canadian Legion in Whalley.
- Existing parks have received a name for specific reasons and are often identifiable features for communities. Changing the name of an existing park requires community consultation and consideration.
- It was suggested that Bear Creek Park and Newton Athletic Park are frequented by many South Asian families and may be a potential location for some kind of commemorative feature should the Society move on from its interest in only renaming a street or park.
- The Commission will await feedback following Mr. Toor's meeting with the Mayor on the subject.

The Commission requested that staff report back at a later meeting, summarizing the meeting with the Mayor and to continue the discussion on commemoration related to the Komagata Maru.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Evans That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the on-table memo dated February 13, 2019 for information.

Carried

3. ENGINEERING

- 4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
- E. CORRESPONDENCE
- F. INFORMATION ITEMS

G. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Heritage Survey Questions File: N/A (Verbal Update)

Staff advised that the draft Heritage Survey questions will be brought forward to the Commission in March 2019 for feedback.

Peace Arch News Article Regarding Elevated Homes in Crescent Beach 2. File: N/A (Verbal Update)

Commissioner Tannen advised that an article in the December 30, 2018 edition of the Peace Arch newspaper discussed City staff's recommendation to Council to allow the construction of an elevated home in Crescent Beach. The proposal is a unique response to raising sea levels and it was noted that half of the city's heritage-designated homes are located in the flood plain.

Friends of Surrey Museum and Archive Society Admission Program 3. File: N/A (Verbal Update)

Commissioner Tannen advised that the Friends of Surrey Museum and Archive Society have expanded their admission scholarship program to include Historic Stewart Farm.

FINANCIALS H.

Financial Summary as at January 31, 2019 1. File: 0540-20V

Staff advised that an overview of the Commission's financial information can be provided following the appointment of Commission members.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Priddy That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) receive the Financial Summary as of January 31, 2019 as information.

Carried

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2019 in 2E Committee Room B.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Annis, Chairperson