

**Present:**

Councillor Annis, Chair  
F. Lou  
P. Priddy  
B. Turna

**Absent:**

T. Sandher  
S. Sharma

**Staff Present:**

R. Gallagher, Acting Manager, Culture  
K. Baglo, Heritage Planner  
K. Hardie, Curator of Collections  
L. Blake, Administrative Assistant

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

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Turna  
That:

1. The agenda of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission meeting held on April 13, 2022, be amended by adding Item G.1: Projects; and
2. The agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

**2. Adoption of March 9, 2022 Minutes**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Turna  
That:

1. The minutes of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission meeting held on March 9, 2022, be amended by rewording the sixth bullet point on page three to read:

"Land use plans have some limitations in how impactful some consultation can be."

2. The minutes be adopted as amended.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Dr. Satwinder Bains**

Dr. Satwinder Bains, Director of South Asian Studies Institute, University of the Fraser Valley, provided a presentation regarding the South Asian Canadian Legacy Project and highlighted the following information:

- There is a shortage and gaps in the South Asian community history. There are currently only three sternographies available, and a lack of general education and awareness. Heritage is slowly being built-up, but there is still outstanding work to be done within the community. There have been some great partnerships developed across the province.
- The South Asian Studies Institute has created the website <https://saclp.southasiancanadianheritage.ca/>. The Institute was able to complete six projects in six years that are highlighted on the website:
  - South Asian Canadian Digital Archive (SACDA): the first archive built in Canada as a repository for South Asian collections and exhibits, SACDA is a completely digital collection with several exhibits, includes Labour History, the Right to Vote and Komagata Maru.
  - *Haq and History* Travelling Exhibit: a travelling museum that showcases the history and contributions of South Asian settlements across BC will be displayed in 16 cities across BC over three to four years. Each city also has the opportunity to add to the exhibit.
  - *A Social History of South Asians in BC*: an e-book written by 19 authors with 19 chapters. The book covers communities across BC and addresses migration, identity and policies. The book is free is download.
  - Tour Historic Site: there are 15 South Asian related sites on the Heritage Register in BC.
  - Saffron Threads: educational resources for students kindergarten through Grade 12 with activity plans for different age groups.
  - Tour Historic Sites: 15 across BC, built history around the sites. Sites in the heritage register in BC. Saffron Threads – education for students, k-12, activity plans for different age groups. Provides a resource for teachers in the classroom.
  - Union Zindabad: for the first time in one place, this e-book outlines the social history of labour movements that the South Asian community have been involved in. The book is available free online.

In response to a question from the Commission, Dr. Bains provided the following information:

- The website is available only in English while the *Haq and History* exhibit is provided in Punjabi and English. It is anticipated that more resources will eventually be made available in both languages.
- SACDA is an entirely digital repository for documents, with no physical items retained or stored.
- The South Asian Studies Institute has been in discussion with the Surrey School Board about providing copies of *A Social History of South Asians in BC* to classrooms, specifically high school classes, as that is the book reading level.

### C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

This section had no items to consider.

### D. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

##### (a) Updates to Surrey's Demolition Permit Application Referral Process for Heritage Buildings

Kelsey Baglo, Heritage Planner, advised that in response to the Sandansea House being inadvertently demolished, staff have implemented updates to the heritage building referral process for properties on the Heritage Register or Inventory or are protected by heritage status. The City's Demolition Permit application process will be updated to include a referral to the Heritage Planner for properties listed on the Heritage Inventory or Heritage Register. The Heritage Planner will need to close off a heritage check box for a heritage property before a demolition permit can be issued. This will make it impossible for a demolition permit to be issued without the Heritage Planner's authorization. Ms. Baglo noted that all heritage properties will need to be appropriately identified in the City's Amanda system, which is used to track applications. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in approximately one month.

It was  
receive the report dated March 30, 2022, regarding the City's updated referral process for heritage buildings subject to demolition permit application for information.

Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Turna  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission

Carried

**(b) House at 17555 56A Avenue – Future Demolition Permit Application**

Kelsey Baglo, Heritage Planner, summarized the report dated April 4, 2022, regarding a future demolition permit application for the house at 17555 56A Avenue and highlighted the following information:

- The City provides off-street parking in Cloverdale Town Centre for commercial developments that are unable to provide adequate on-site parking and collects a set amount per stall in-lieu of on-site parking for the Off-Street Parking Reserve Fund. The fees are used for capital improvement of the off-street parking property and the acquisition of additional property for off-street parking.
- The Cloverdale Town Centre Plan has identified the properties located at 17545 and 17555 – 56A Avenue for off-street parking purposes. The property located at 17555 56A Avenue has an existing non-conforming residential home built in 1937 and a small secondary building on site. Both structures appear to be in disrepair and in fair to poor overall condition.
- Surrey Archives has been able to obtain limited information regarding the history of the property. Due to the limited information available, it does not appear that the property would fill any known gaps in Surrey's Community Heritage Register.
- The property is zoned Light Industrial (IL) Zone and is designated Parking in the Cloverdale Town Centre.

In response to a question from the Commission, Ms. Baglo advised that the City will be purchasing the properties, but is seeking the Commission's feedback prior to the purchase. There is an appraisal process the City follows prior to purchasing property.

The Commission noted the lack of historical information available related to the property, as well the lack of thematic gaps the property addresses.

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
Seconded by Commissioner Lou  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission (HAC):

1. Receive the report dated April 4, 2022, regarding a future demolition permit application for the house at 17555 56A Avenue for information; and
2. Proceed with Option 3: document and demolish and recommend that staff do not proceed with temporary or permanent protection measures for the house located at 17555 56A Avenue.

Carried

(c) **Identification of Potential Heritage Sites Project and Campaign**

Kelsey Baglo, Heritage Planner, summarized the report dated April 4, 2022, regarding the identification of potential heritage sites project and campaign and highlighted the following information:

- Heritage conservation has moved towards values-based heritage as best practice. Heritage is defined as whatever a community, past or present, values and would like to pass on to the future, regardless of age. It can be a place, a landscape, a cultural practice or a language and does not need to be associated with a famous historical figure or event, architecturally significant or aesthetically pleasing, to be considered heritage.
- At the December 2020 meeting, the Commission endorsed two objectives for Surrey's heritage program: broaden the definition of heritage in Surrey and diversify the heritage portfolio. These objectives inform the work of the Commission to ensure that the City's heritage program responds to, and reflects, the vast breadth and diversity of Surrey, its residents, and its stories.
- At the March 9, 2022, meeting, staff presented on the Identification of Potential Heritage Resources in Surrey. Staff proposed an online suggestion box, in which residents could submit suggestions for heritage sites that could be considered for addition to Surrey's Community Heritage Register. While still in the development phase, it is hoped that the project will be interactive, offering a variety of options for residents to share ideas and information. A campaign will accompany the project, focusing on diversity and filling gaps in Surrey's Community Heritage Register, including Indigenous heritage, multicultural heritage, and women's heritage; however, all suggestions will be welcome. The project will allow staff to understand what is of heritage value to the community.

In response to a question from the Commission, Ms. Baglo advised that the request made at the March 9, 2022, meeting for staff to investigate Punjabi-language street signs can be added to the Task List.

The Commission noted the following comments:

- There should be attention paid to the communities that are targeted. If only traditional audiences are targeted, the project will not diversify the City's heritage holdings, nor will diverse voices be heard.
- It was suggested that schools could be involved in the project.

It was Moved by Commissioner Lou  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That the Heritage Advisory Commission (HAC):

1. Receive the report dated April 4, 2022, regarding the identification of potential heritage sites project and campaign for information; and
2. Allocate up to \$2,500.00 from the HAC's unrestricted reserve to fund an identification of potential heritage sites project and associated campaign.

Carried

## 2. **PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE**

### (a) **2022 Heritage BC & BCMA Conference**

Kristen Hardie, Curator of Collections, summarized the report dated April 7, 2022, regarding the 2022 Heritage BC and BC Museum Association (BCMA) Conference and highlighted the following information:

- Heritage BC and the BCMA usually host separate annual conferences; however, due to the last two years of pandemic-related disruptions, the organizations have organized a two-phased joint conference for 2022. Phase I will be held virtually for three consecutive Wednesdays from May 4 – 18. It was noted that day three of Phase 1 has a theme of redress, which will include a roundtable session regarding how naming policies are changing, how they will impact and how to plan for them. Phase II is expected to be held primarily held in person in October.
- The 2022 conference theme is "Better Together", with speakers and participatory sessions centering around breaking silos and recognizing industry's role in decolonization. The anticipated takeaways include how to turn advocacy into leadership and helping communities address their difficult histories.

### (b) **Surrey Regional Heritage Fair at Museum of Surrey**

Kristen Hardie, Curator of Collections, summarized the report dated April 13, 2022, regarding the Surrey Regional Heritage Fair at Museum of Surrey and highlighted the following information:

- Heritage Fairs are a nation-wide, bilingual educational initiative that encourages students to explore Canadian heritage in a dynamic, hands-on learning environment The Museum of Surrey is hosting their first annual in-person Regional Heritage Fair on Friday April 29, and Saturday, April 30, 2022.

- Over 60 students in grades four to ten from three schools will share their passion for heritage. Subject matter will range from Indigenous history to cultural struggles such as the Komagata Maru incident and Japanese Canadian Internment during and after World War II.

The Commission noted that it is always interesting to hear from students as to why they chose specific historical topics to study.

**(c) Surrey Archives & Museums Online Access – Review and Update**

Kristen Hardie, Curator of Collections, summarized the report dated April 13, 2022, regarding the Surrey Archives and Museums online access review and update and highlighted the following information:

- The Surrey Archives and Museums Online Access (SAMOA) portal provides virtual access to more than 80,000 archival photos, maps, documents, and oral histories from the Surrey Archives, and more than 5,000 Surrey-based artifacts from the Heritage Artifact Collections. The online catalogue relates to SHAC's secondary mandate to spread awareness of Surrey's heritage.
- The design and functionality of the site was last updated in 2016. The basic functions no longer meet the expectations of online users, so a new online catalogue, planned for release in late 2022, will be designed with the online user in mind – engaging, informative, and accessibly designed.
- Heritage Services has formally begun a website revitalization and redesign project. The project kick-off with the City's I.T. Department was on April 4, 2022. At this early stage, market research and a thorough assessment of the current catalogue is being undertaken to inform the project's next steps.

It was Moved by Commissioner Turna  
 Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
 That the Heritage Advisory Commission  
 (HAC) receive the report dated April 13, 2022, regarding the Surrey  
 Archives and Museums online access review and update as information.  
Carried

**(d) Sikh Heritage Month**

Kristen Hardie, Curator of Collections, summarized the report dated April 7, 2022, regarding Sikh Heritage Month and highlighted the following information:

- Each year, April is recognized as Sikh Heritage Month, formally acknowledging and celebrating the contributions and aspirations of all Sikh Canadians, with the aim of developing a greater understanding and appreciation of a rich, unique, and diverse heritage.
- Several events will be held to celebrate Sikh Heritage Month:
  - On April 12, the University of Fraser Valley's South Asian Studies Institute hosted an event at City Hall to outline the process and outcomes of their two-year project South Asian Canadian Legacy Project (SALP). Surrey City Centre Library is currently hosting the SALP traveling exhibit.
  - Sikh Heritage British Columbia is presenting an immersive installation from April 8 through April 10 at Surrey's Hubcast Studios. Titled 'True Home', the installation prompts participants to ask: "What is true home?" while highlighting the history and the overall social, economic, and cultural contributions of Sikhs to BC's cultural fabric. The event is sold out; and
  - Various virtual programs:
    - Surrey Archives' April 14 program, *South Asian Heritage in BC*, will explore the long history of BC's South Asian community, presented by Dr. Satwinder Bains of the South Asian Studies Institute at the University of the Fraser Valley.
    - Surrey Libraries has published special reading lists for Sikh Heritage Month on their website.
    - The Museum of Surrey and Heritage Surrey channels will include various posts related to Sikh Heritage Month.

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy  
 Seconded by Commissioner Turna  
 That the Heritage Advisory Commission  
 (HAC) receive the report dated April 7, 2022, regarding Sikh Heritage Month  
 as information.

Carried

3. **ENGINEERING**

This section had no items to consider.

4. **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

This section had no items to consider.

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

(a) **HAC Task List**

File: 6800-01

Kelsey Baglo, Heritage Planner, and Kristin Hardie, Curator of Collections, provided the following updates to the Task List:

**Robert MacDougal Mackenzie House**

The Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw for the Robert MacDougal Mackenzie House has received final adoption.

**Bear Creek Heritage Feature**

An article regarding the Bear Creek heritage feature was published in the Surrey Now.

It was

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

Commission receive the Task List for information.

Carried

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

This section had no items to consider.

F. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

This section had no items to consider.

**G. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Projects**

Commissioner Priddy noted that special projects keep the Commission engaged and expressed concerns that naming opportunities could be missed.

Ryan Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Facilities and Administration, suggested that the Commission could create a list of potential names for future projects.

The Commission suggested that it would be appropriate to reach out to Chief Chappell and Chief Gabriel for guidance regarding Indigenous naming and potential project opportunities. It was also suggested that a project such as a picture book to help teach Indigenous language to children could be implemented for the City's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**H. FINANCIALS****1. Financial Summary as of March 31, 2022**

File: 0540-20V

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 **May 11, 2022**.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

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

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

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Councillor Annis, Chairperson