



The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Heritage Commission, held in the Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:03 pm

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Craig Speirs	Council Liaison
Brenda Smith, Chair	Maple Ridge Historical Society
Eric Phillips	Member at Large
Julie Koehn	Maple Ridge Historical Society
Kevin Bennett	Member at Large
Len Pettit	Member at Large
Lindsay Foreman, Vice Chair	Member at Large
Russell Irvine	Member at Large
Steven Ranta	Member at Large

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Zosiak	Staff Liaison, Community Planner
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

GUESTS

Lino Siracusa	Manager Economic Development, City of Maple Ridge
Erica Williams	President, Maple Ridge Historical Society

1. ***CALL TO ORDER***

2. ***2018 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS***

The Staff Liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Chair.

R/2018-004

It was moved and seconded

That Brenda Smith be elected Chair of the Community Heritage Commission for 2018

CARRIED

The Staff Liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Vice Chair.

R/2018-005

It was moved and seconded

That Lindsay Foreman be elected Vice Chair of the Community Heritage Commission for 2018

CARRIED

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2018-006

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the February 8, 2018 Community Heritage Commission meeting be amended to move item 8.8 Family Literacy Day to 9.1.2, to move item 10.4 Maple Ridge Historical Society to item 4, to add the following items 8.6.1 Haney House Landscape Design, 9.5.1 Conversation with David Cook, 10.2.1 Community Heritage Commission Open Forum, that items be renumbered accordingly and that the agenda as amended be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Maple Ridge Historical Society – Liaison Update**

Julie Koehn reported that Family Literacy Day on January 27, 2018 at the Maple Ridge Library went well. Local Voices returned on February 5, 2018. Ms. Koehn advised that Lindsay Foreman has been promoting heritage fairs at the local schools. The annual BC Historical Federation conference is scheduled for May 24, 2018. Erica Williams will be conducting walking tours of the Cemetery and Downtown Maple Ridge as part of Heritage Week. The Heritage Awards are set for February 22, 2018. Music on the Wharf is moving forward and numerous applications have been received. The Historical Society AGM is scheduled for March 22, 2018 at St. Andrew's Heritage Church and will include a potluck.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting of January 11, 2018

R/2018-007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Community Heritage Commission meeting dated January 11, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. **DELEGATIONS**

Maple Ridge Tourism Strategy

- Lino Siracusa, Manager of Economic Development – City of Maple Ridge

The Manager of Economic Development presented a promotional video of Maple Ridge. Video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/941kZYuFOSU>.

The Manager of Economic Development presented highlights of the draft Tourism Strategy and reported on the objectives of destination marketing and destination development. The Tourism Strategy contains numerous strategies for different activities and recommends a governance structure and establishment of a tourism advisory committee.

The Manager of Economic Development answered questions from the Committee and encouraged additional feedback be submitted via email to lsiracusa@mapleridge.ca.

7. **FINANCE**

7.1 **Financial Update – 2018 Business Plan**

Russell Irvine reported that distribution of the updated spreadsheet is near.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE – Nil**

9. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9.1 **Membership - Nil**

9.1.1 **Calendar of Events**

The Chair reviewed the events scheduled throughout the year and requested updates and any new or missing events be forwarded for inclusion on the spreadsheet.

9.2 **Cultural Plan Update**

The Chair reported that pending Council adoption of the Cultural Plan, a Cultural Leaders Circle will be established to develop the actions required to implement the plan. To apply to the Cultural Leaders Circle, submit your resume and covering letter to the Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connection at yehui@mapleridge.ca.

9.3 **Tourism Strategy Update**

The Chair provided a presentation on the February 8, 2018 Open House for the proposed Fort Langley Museum, Cultural Centre, and Aboriginal Arts Lodge. The proposals and plans can be viewed at <https://www.tol.ca/your-township/about-the-township/communities-and-neighbourhoods/fort-langley/fort-langley-community-projects/>.

9.4 **Canada 150 - Nil**

9.5 **Private members Tax Credit – Bill C323
Environment Committee Report to Parliament**

Mr. Irvine reported that the Federal Government has 120 day to address the recommendations in the Environment Committee Report to Parliament. A meeting with MP Ruimy to be scheduled to discuss the report and enquire how CHC can follow the Report as it moves through Parliament. Discussion on providing an update on this Environmental Committee Report to Council when the Chair presents the CHC Spring update to Council in March.

9.6 **Haney House Conservation Work**

Conservation work continues. The Chair advised that Haney House suffered water damage in late January when horizontal rain entered the building, through either the chimney or flash guards around the chimney. Tarps were set up to mitigate further water ingress until a permanent solution can be determined.

9.6.1 **Haney House Landscape Design**

The Staff Liaison advised of a DP application for a five storey apartment building to the South of Haney House. The Applicant has agreed to commission a report on the design and potential replacement of vegetation lost during the development. The Planning Department

File Manager, Mr. Chee Chan is seeking input from the CHC and the Historical Society to provide a history of vegetation at Haney House and review the proposed landscape design plan to ensure authentic replacement of the vegetation. Brenda Smith, Lindsay Foreman and Kevin Bennett to form a subcommittee and meet with the File Manager to review the report once it is submitted to the Planning Department.

9.7 Heritage Conservation Master Plan

The Chair requested a meeting be scheduled in March with Russell Irvine, Lindsay Foreman, the Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connection, the Manager Parks Planning Operations, and the Facilities Operations Manager.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Communications Subcommittee

10.1.1 Request to Council for Communications Support – Nil.

10.1.2 Family Literacy Day

The Chair made a presentation on the Family Literacy Day held at the Maple Ridge Library on January 27, 2018. The event was a great opportunity for community involvement and it was the first time History was represented at Family Literacy Day.

R/2018-008

It was moved and seconded

That the Community Heritage Commission participate in the next Family Literacy Day scheduled for January 26, 2019.

CARRIED

10.2 Recognitions Subcommittee

10.2.1 Heritage Week Subcommittee

Kevin Bennett reported that the Heritage Week advertisements are out and that the Staff Liaison is gathering RSVP's. Mr. Bennett reviewed the scheduled events of Heritage Week and encouraged members to partake in all activities:

February 18, 2018 – Cemetery Walking Tour

February 19, 2018 – Heritage Property Management Plan Webinar and Moderated
Conversation

February 21, 2018 – “The Story of Banned Books” Presentation

February 22, 2018 – Heritage Awards

February 24, 2018 – Downtown Walking Tour

10.2.2 Heritage Nominations 2018

Mr. Bennett confirmed that the Heritage Awards invitation letters have been sent to the 2018 Heritage Award Recipients.

10.2.3 Plaque Placement Request

The subcommittee has a meeting scheduled on February 9, 2018 and will provide an update at the next CHC meeting.

10.3 Education Subcommittee

10.3.1 Local Voices

Ms. Foreman provided a report on the February 5, 2018 Local Voices. The well attended session had a Heritage theme and speakers included Andrea Lister, Commissioner Julie Koehn, who spoke about her Finnish roots, and Commissioner Russell Irvine, who spoke about his favourite places in Maple Ridge.

The next Local Voices is scheduled on March 5, 2018 with speakers Pam Burns (Kanaka Coffee House Open Mic), James Rowley (Hammond Forever Home), and Matthew Shields (Malcolm Knapp Research Forest). Ms. Foreman is creating a mailing list for Local Voices to facilitate an easier and timely dissemination of information and encouraged members to subscribe.

10.3.2 Heritage BC Webinars

The Staff Liaison reported that the next webinar is scheduled during Heritage Week on February 19, 2018 at 7:00pm. The topic is Heritage Property Management and Councillor Speirs will be the event moderator.

10.3.3 BC Heritage Fairs

Ms. Foreman reported that she has made contact with SD42 teachers. The deadline has passed to join the 2018 Regional Heritage Fair, but teachers now have the information sheets and could plan a Heritage Fair at their school. The information will help interested teachers in their 2019 curriculum planning, as they could plan for participation in the next Regional Heritage Fair.

The BC Regional Heritage Fair is scheduled all day on April 19, 2018 with the awards ceremony on April 20, 2018.

10.3.4 SD42 – Community-based learning info night

The Chair attended a Community-Based Learning Information Night and enquired if there is flexibility in the curriculum to add heritage fairs.

10.4 Maple Ridge Oral History Project

Mr. Ranta reported on the lack of student enthusiasm on the project.

10.5 Digitization Project Subcommittee

10.5.1 Conversation with David Cooke

Following up from the January 11, 2018 Open Government Portal presentation by the Chief Information Officer, the Chair has been in contact with David Cooke, Manager of Business Solutions. The Manager of Business Solutions has requested content derived from the

Heritage Marker Inventory. With approval of the Commission, the Chair can process the request following Heritage Week.

R/2018-009

It was moved and seconded

That the Community Heritage Commission grant permission to release information in the Heritage Marker Inventory to the City of Maple Ridge for use on the Open Government Portal.

CARRIED

10.6 Heritage Inventory Project Update

The Chair provided an update. Of the 80 items in the Inventory, ten have failed to meet the criteria and have been removed, 45 items have been added which includes 15 new heritage landscapes and two cultural sites. February 16, 2018 is the deadline for the subcommittee to process information in the report and provide feedback. The Heritage Inventory Project is scheduled for presentation at the April 17, 2018 Council Workshop.

10.7 Heritage Register Update – RFP - Nil.

10.8 Robertson Family Cemetery Project Subcommittee

The Staff Liaison advised that the Land Title Office has confirmed the correct paperwork has been assembled and the Conveyancing Clerk is now able to proceed with processing the documents for registration at Land Titles.

10.9 Hammond Heritage Character Area - Nil.

11. LIAISON UPDATES

11.1 BC Historical Federation

The Chair reported that the AGM of the BC Historical Federation will take place during the Conference scheduled for May 24-27, 2018 in Nakusp.

11.2 Heritage BC

The Chair advised that the annual Conference is scheduled May 10-12, 2018 in New Westminster.

11.2.1 Community Heritage Commission Open Forum

The Chair and Ms. Foreman reported that the recording and notes of the January 26, 2018 session on 'Maintaining Momentum and Relationships with Local Governments' is available online at the Heritage BC website. The Chair reminded members that the next open forum discussion is scheduled for April 13, 2018 on the topic "The Pressure of Development: Working with Developers and Not Against".

11.3 **BC Museums Association**

11.3.1 **BCMA Visit**

The Chair reported on a brief conversation with the BCMA Program Manager regarding the site visit.

11.4 **Council Liaison - Nil**

12. **QUESTION PERIOD - Nil**

13. **ROUNDTABLE**

Eric Phillips informed members that a house in lower Hammond is proposed for redevelopment into townhouses and that three 1922 heritage homes in lower Hammond have caught fire and been demolished.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Lindsay Gervan FOR
B. Smith, Chair

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