



The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Heritage Commission, held in the Blaney Room, at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

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
Russell Irvine	Member at Large
Steven Ranta, Vice-Chair	Member at Large

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Zosiak	Staff Liaison, Community Planner
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

GUESTS

Robi Smith	Earth Day Presenter
Erica Williams	President, Maple Ridge Historical Society
Lindsay Foreman	Community Member

REGRETS/ABSENT

Councillor Craig Speirs	Council Liaison
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1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and introductions were made.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-012

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated April 4, 2017 be amended to add Items 7.1 Binder Updates, 7.6 Fraser Valley Buddhist Church, 7.7 Heritage Marker Inventory 7.8 Haney House Funding and be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

R17-013

It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

Note: Steven Ranta entered at 7:08 pm.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Robi Smith – Earth Day Presentation

The theme of this year's Earth Day is "Back to Nature". The event will be held on April 22, 2017. More information is available at: <http://rmrecycling.org/community/celebrate-earth-day-maple-ridge> The presentation included information on the history of the event and opportunities for participation.

Note: Julie Koehn entered at 7:19 pm.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Financial Update

Russell Irvine reported that the 2017 CHC budget should be confirmed soon.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 BC Historical Federation Journal

The current edition was circulated.

7. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Membership

7.1.1 Calendar of Events

The Chair led a review of the calendar of events.

7.1.2 CHC Meeting Schedule

The Committee Clerk updated the Commission on the potential change to the Council meeting schedule. Information on upcoming legislative training was provided.

7.1.3 2017 CHC Binders

2017 binder tabs were distributed and different ways to access CHC information were discussed.

7.2 Cultural Plan Update

The Staff Liaison reported on the status of the Cultural Plan update project.

7.3 Tourism Strategy

Russell Irvine provided an update on the development of the tourism strategy. Mr. Irvine is serving on the strategy task force and will request a delegation make a presentation at an upcoming CHC meeting,

7.4 Canada 150

The Chair reported on the Reminisce Kits update project. Kevin Bennett reported on the Playbox and the Heritage Geocaching projects.

7.5 Private Members Bill Tax Credit

The Staff Liaison provided a status update on reporting on this issue to Council. Russell Irvine reported on the status of federal Bill C-323 in Parliament.

7.6 Fraser Valley Buddhist Church

The Chair reported on the original site, which has been mapped as part of a Japanese heritage mapping project at Heritage BC. The Commission discussed how the property should be designated municipally.

7.7 Heritage Marker Inventory

The Cliff Family plaque has been added to the Heritage Marker Inventory database.

7.8 Haney House Funding

The Chair reported the provincial government recently awarded \$57,000 to the City to carry out the Haney House conservation plan.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Communications Subcommittee

8.1.1 Local Voices

The Chair reported on the future of the Local Voices program.

8.1.2 Communications Package

The Chair reported the communications package is under construction.

8.2 Recognitions Subcommittee

8.2.1 Heritage Week Subcommittee

The Chair reported the review of 2017 Heritage Week events is complete. A final budget for the week was provided.

R17-014

It was moved and seconded

That in principle the money remaining from the Heritage Week budget be approved for the Reminisce Kits project.

CARRIED

8.2.2 Heritage Awards 2018 Nominations

Nominations can be made at any time. The deadline for the following year's awards will be in October.

8.3 Education Subcommittee

8.3.1 BC Societies Act Workshop

The Commission will not hold a workshop on the BC Societies Act changes. The Chair shared plans for a museum and archives field trip.

8.3.2 Heritage BC Webinars

Mr. Irvine reported the planned webinar was cancelled by Heritage BC. The Staff Liaison will confirm whether future sessions will go ahead as scheduled.

8.4 Maple Ridge Oral History Project

Steve Ranta reported on the oral history project. The Staff Liaison will schedule a time for the Oral History Project group to meet with Fred Armstrong, Manager of Corporate Communications.

8.5 Digitization Project Subcommittee

The Chair provided a Digitization subcommittee report. The digitization of the municipal records is a joint project between the CHC and the Clerks Department. A small amount of work remains to be done on the inventory of the municipal archives. Then the project will move on to Phase 2.

8.6 Heritage Inventory Project Update

The Staff Liaison provided a status report on the Heritage Inventory update. The consultant will provide a presentation on the project at an upcoming meeting.

8.7 Robertson Family Cemetery Project Subcommittee

No update.

8.8 Museum and Archives Update

The Chair reported the Community Facilities survey has closed and the responses are being collated.

9. LIAISON UPDATES

9.1 BC Historical Federation

The Chair is preparing a report on the activities of the CHC for the BC Historical Federation. The Chair shared details of the upcoming BC Historical Federation conference.

9.2 Heritage BC

The Chair was disappointed at the recent Heritage BC webinar cancellation.

9.3 BC Museums Association

No update.

9.4 Maple Ridge Historical Society

Julie Koehn reported the MRHS Annual General Meeting was held on March 16th. The 25th Annual Heritage Tea was recently held at the Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre. Ms. Koehn shared details of an upcoming MRHS lecture at the ACT Arts Centre featuring Vanishing Vancouver author Michael Kluckner. (<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/speaking-of-art-history/>) Museum staff and volunteers will be participating in Earth Day.

R17-015

It was moved and seconded

That the CHC requests that Council review and consider providing additional communications support for advisory committees and community events.

CARRIED

9.5 Council Liaison

No update.

10. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

11. ROUNDTABLE

Russell Irvine reported on a recent CBC Radio Cross Country Checkup program that addressed the issue of aboriginal recognition for municipal streets and landmarks. The Staff Liaison will discuss this topic with Engineering and report at a future meeting.

Steven Ranta reported on museums in Vietnam, where he recently travelled.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Chair
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