



COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy*	Chair
John Davies*	Alternate Chair/Community Member
Samuel Boisvert*	Community Member
Jennifer Crews*	NWHPS Representative
Bozana Djuric*	Community Member
Lindsay Macintosh*	Community Member
Virginia McMahon*	Community Member

GUESTS:

Father Mykahilo Ozorovych*	Holy Eucharist Cathedral
Mark Koropeccky*	Surf Architecture
Elana Zysblat*	Ance Building Services

STAFF PRESENT:

Rob McCullough*	Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, Office of the CAO
Britney Dack	Senior Heritage Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Kathleen Stevens*	Heritage Planning Analyst, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Amanda MacKaay*	Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Carilyn Cook	Committee Clerk, Legislative Services

*Denotes electronic attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor McEvoy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 May 4, 2022

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the May 4, 2022 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted with the following changes:

- That the New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society representative noted in the meeting attendance list be corrected from Jill Davy to Jennifer Crews; and
- Item 4.3 – Pre-Application Review: 319 Governors Court (B.C. Pen Gatehouse) the last bullet point should read, “The applicant should consider additional architectural elements so that the new building will enhance the existing building.”

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Community Heritage Commission Representative to the Social and Cultural Vibrancy Grants Committee

Rob McCullough, provided an overview of the city’s grants program and of the Community Livability and Social Equity (CLSE) Grants Committee portfolio, noting that the Community Heritage Commission representative to the CLSE Grants Committee is a two year term that would begin this fall for the 2023 grant intake. He advised that the representative would be required to attend approximately three meetings throughout the year and review grant applications through the online program.

John Davies, Community Member, and Samuel Boisvert, Community Member, shared their experiences on the City's grants committees advising that it was interesting to see the different types of applications that are received and work within the budget allowed.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Virginia McMahon be appointed as the Community Heritage Commission representative on the Social and Cultural Vibrancy Grants Committee for the 2022-23 term.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.2 Heritage Revitalization Agreement Application: 501 Fourth Avenue and 408 Fifth Street (Holy Eucharist Cathedral)

Amanda Mackaay, Planner, reviewed the report dated June 1, 2022 regarding the Heritage Revitalization Agreement application for 501 Fourth Avenue and 408 Fifth Street (Holy Eucharist Cathedral), advising that redevelopment of the site to include two new buildings would see the retention of the Holy Eucharist Cathedral in its current location and that the Cathedral would be legally protected with a Heritage Designation Bylaw and be included on the City's Heritage Register.

Father Mykahilo Ozorovych of Holy Eucharist Cathedral, Elana Zysblat of Ance Building Services, and Mark Koropecy of Surf Architecture, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposal.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Zysblat advised that the window frames and blue glass in the Cathedral are in good enough shape to be preserved and/or repaired and will be functional in order to help passively cool the church space.

Discussion ensued and Committee members provided the following comments:

- It is exciting to see this mid-century building being recognized for its heritage value and it would be nice to see more of this in New Westminster;
- This is a great project with nice geometric influence and design, and it will be a city landmark;
- The south elevation of the west building which perfectly mirrors the exterior of the cathedral is very nice;
- While not visible in the plans, the presentation clearly shows that on the west elevation, the section furthest north is recessed. It would be

preferable for that section to be level with the rest of the building to mirror the top of the middle section;

- The pictures do not do justice to the inside of this very special building; and;
- The overall design is one of the best with respect to church site proposals and in regards to the heritage retention of the building.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that Council support the Heritage Revitalization Agreement for 501 Fourth Avenue and 408 Fifth Street and its inclusion of the cathedral on the City's Heritage Register.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.3 Heritage Register Building Mural Proposal: 728 Columbia Street

Kathleen Stevens, Heritage Planning Analyst, reviewed the report dated June 1, 2022 regarding a proposed mural on the heritage register building located at 728 Columbia Street for which feedback from the Community Heritage Commission is being sought.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Stevens provided the following comments:

- the new Pattullo Bridge design is not included on the proposed mural; and,
- A maintenance agreement will be in place between the owner, the artist, and the Downtown Business Improvement Association, including how graffiti on the mural would be dealt with.

Discussion ensued and Committee members advised they were not opposed to painting the wall and that the mural would be a nice addition to the neighbourhood.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission support the proposed mural at 728 Columbia Street.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.4 Heritage Planning Staff Team Update

Britney Dack, Senior Heritage Planner, provided an update on the heritage planning staff team and announced that the next meeting will be her last as she will soon be going on maternity leave. She shared that her replacement will be introduced at the next meeting and that other staff will continue to provide support to the Commission.

Commission members conveyed their congratulations to Ms. Dack and thanked her for all the work she has done for the Community Heritage Commission.

Discussion ensued and in response to an inquiry from a Commission member about the whereabouts of the railway collection from the BC Transit Museum, Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, advised that, while he is unaware of what became of the collection, he would look into it.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Remaining scheduled meetings, which take place at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- July 6
- September 7
- October 4
- November 2
- December 7

Certified correct,

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk