



**COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

**Open to public attendance in Council Chamber, City Hall
Committee members may attend electronically**

PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy*	Chair
Jennifer Crews*	NWHPS Representative
John Davies*	Community Member
Bozana Djuric*	Community Member
Shelby McCannel*	Community Member
Virginia McMahan*	Community Member
David Sarraf*	Community Member
Iulia Sincaian*	Community Member

REGRETS:

Councillor Daniel Fontaine	Council Representative
Samuel Boisvert	Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Rob McCullough*	Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, Office of the CAO
Judith Mosley	Senior Heritage Planner, Climate Action, Planning and Development
Kathleen Stevens*	Heritage Planning Analyst, 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 6:02 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsundered 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

Councillor McEvoy noted that New Business Item 5.1 - Election of Alternate Chair would be removed from the agenda as the updated Community Heritage Commission Bylaw states that Councillor Fontaine, Council Representative to the Commission, would Chair the meetings in Councillor McEvoy's absence.

Procedural note: Item 4.1 Legislative Services Orientation and Oaths of Office was addressed at this time. The minutes are recorded numerically.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 December 7, 2022

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the December 7, 2022 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Legislative Services Orientation and Oaths of Office

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk, commenced with her presentation which included the role of advisory committees, the terms of reference, meeting attendance and quorum, meeting conduct, City policies and freedom of information, and, lastly, oaths of office.

4.2 Climate Action Planning and Development Orientation

Kathleen Stevens, Heritage Planning Analyst, provided an orientation presentation which outlined the purpose of the Community Heritage Commission as it relates to the Climate Action, Planning and Development Department's work, including the different aspects of heritage, heritage value, legislation, tools for heritage recognition, protection and interpretation, the various types of reports to the Commission, and resources available to Commission members.

4.3 Heritage Terms: Glossary

No discussion.

4.4 Heritage Review (Demolition): 437 Elmer Street

Judith Mosley, Senior Heritage Planner, reviewed the report dated February 1, 2023 regarding the heritage value of the Vernacular-style house located at 437 Elmer Street prior to the Demolition Permit process.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Mosley advised that as noted in the Heritage Assessment, very little remains of the 1912 house though staff have been unable to locate a previous demolition permit on the house.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development issue a Demolition Permit for the house at 437 Elmer Street and that the applicant consider deconstruction as an alternative to demolition waste.

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

4.5 Museums and Heritage Services Orientation

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, provided a PowerPoint Orientation of Museums and Heritage Services which outlined the museum and archives mission and mandate, heritage collections, exhibitions and programs, and current activities and projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming anniversary of the 1963 riot at the BC Penitentiary and whether or not the City has audio/video history of the conflict such as television and radio coverage. It was noted that another riot occurred in 1975 resulting in the death of Mary Steinhauser, a Social Worker, and which was instrumental in prison reform and how prisoners are treated. Mr. McCullough noted that, while the City does not have coverage of those conflicts, staff would be open to exploring that part of the City's history.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Election of Alternate Chair

See Item 2: Changes to the Agenda.

6. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3

- June 7
- July 5
- September 6
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6

Certified correct,

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk

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