



**COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

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

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor Daniel Fontaine	Council Representative
Shelby McCannel	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
Meredith Seeton*	Policy Planner
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 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. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Committee immediately following the Regular Meeting of Committee on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered related to matters listed under Sections 90(1) (e) AND 90(2)(d):

90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and,

90 (2) (d) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public must be excluded from the meeting.

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 February 1, 2023

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the February 1, 2023 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Community Energy and Emissions Plan

Meredith Seeton, Policy Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

Commission members voiced concern regarding solar panels detracting from the aesthetic of heritage homes. In response, Ms. Seeton advised that, while the addition of solar panels to heritage homes can be challenging as they require solar access, work can be done with respect to how they are mounted onto a home, including to allow them to be removed at a later date to preserve the heritage aspect of the building.

A Commission member thanked Ms. Seeton for the presentation and noted that it is good to see that the Community Energy and Emissions Plan addresses deconstruction and acknowledges that unique retrofit strategies will be needed for heritage buildings.

6. STAFF UPDATES

6.1 809 Carnarvon Street (No Report)

Judith Mosley, Senior Heritage Planner, provided an update in response to queries made by the Commission at a previous meeting regarding the Demolition Permit previously granted for the on-site building located at 809 Carnarvon Street. Ms. Mosley noted the following:

- A Heritage Review Application (HRA) for demolition was received in July 2021 for the 1912 building which was used as a livery stable prior to conversion for other uses;
- Life-safety concerns related to the building's condition resulted in expedition of the heritage review and was, therefore, not brought to the Community Heritage Commission for consideration at that time, and the Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development approved the Demolition Permit to proceed;
- Retention of the building was challenging due to its very deteriorated exterior elements and poor structural condition, and there was high development potential for the site;
- The Heritage Assessment concluded that the building was not a suitable candidate for conservation;
- Immediate safety concerns have been addressed and the building has not yet been demolished;
- An application for redevelopment of the site has been received and proposes to address some city priorities such as hotel accommodations. Opportunities for heritage retention have not been identified; and,
- The Commission will have the opportunity to review this application again if there are aspects such as proposed historical interpretation related to the new development on the site.

In response to a question from a Commission member, Ms. Mosley advised that part of the discussion with the applicant will be how the design elements of their proposal will integrate into the surrounding neighbourhood.

6.2 309 Lawrence Street (No Report)

Judith Mosley, Senior Heritage Planner, provided an update on 309 Lawrence Street, advising that the heritage review of the 1922 house listed on the Queensborough Residential Heritage Inventory has been completed. Ms. Mosley noted that the Community Heritage Commission previously reviewed the Heritage Assessment for the property and recommended further exploration of heritage retention options for the building. As a result, Planning staff further discussed retention options with the owner, including Heritage Revitalization Agreement opportunities or relocation of the building to a new site; however, the owner decided to proceed with demolition and redevelopment under current zoning entitlements.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6:22 p.m.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

July 5

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6

Certified correct,

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk