

## Attachment 8

### *Community Heritage Commission*

### *Minutes (November 3, 2021)*

**1. WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor McEvoy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and recognized that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples and 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**

*MOVED and SECONDED*

*THAT the agenda of the November 3, 2021 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted with the addition of New Business Item 7.1 Condolences for Julie Schueck, Schueck Consulting, on the passing of her father, by John Davies, Community Member.*

**Carried.**

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**3.1 October 6, 2021**

*MOVED and SECONDED*

*THAT the minutes of the October 6, 2021 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.*

**Carried.**

All Commission members present voted in favour of the motion.

**4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 Heritage Revitalization Agreement Application: 328 Second Street**

Hardev Gill, Planning Technician, reviewed the staff report dated November 3, 2021 regarding an application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) at 328 Second Street, a protected property in the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area. It is noted that the application is not subject to the temporary hold the Council has placed on these types of applications as it was received before June 2021.

James Garbutt, Owner/Applicant of 328 Second Street, shared a brief history of his ownership of the property and his family's future plans for the property.

Kirsten Sutton, D3 Design, and Elana Zysblat, Design Consultant, provided a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the history, current state, and proposed restoration and rehabilitation of the house located at 328 Second Street.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Sutton, Ms. Zysblat, and Mr. Garbutt provided the following comments:

- If restoration aspects of the house are irreplaceable, they will be replaced in kind and, when possible, original aspects will be kept;
- With respect to outdoor space, the play area for children will be oriented towards the front of the property and the nearby park can also be utilized for outdoor enjoyment;
- The proposed infill house will be three stories, compliant for setbacks in every direction, and with a footprint below the maximum allowable for a laneway house;
- Restoration of an unmaintained heritage house such as this is a big expense which the infill house needs to be compensated for;
- Good conservation includes sustainable living in a comfortable sized dwelling; and,
- Resources for restorations are not always available to meet the Standards and Guidelines, which are the best case scenarios.

The Commission provided the following comments:

- Considering the challenges that come with restoration, the proposal is elegant, will fit nicely in the neighbourhood, and will see the property realize its heritage potential;
- It is appreciated that the owner plans to restore the house as opposed to demolition;
- The proposed infill house is too large with respect to the size of the lot and will take away from the look of the heritage house. A laneway house should be considered instead to improve the appearance overall and fit in better with the neighbourhood; and,
- There is the potential to have three households residing on the property without sufficient outdoor space for enjoyment.

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that Council support the Heritage Revitalization Agreement for 328 Second Street and its inclusion on the City's Heritage Register.*

**Carried.**

Maureen Arvanitidis voted in opposition of the motion.

#### **4.2 Heritage Review (Demolition): 349 Cumberland Street**

Kathleen Stevens, Heritage Planning Analyst, reviewed the staff report dated November 3, 2021 regarding the duplex located at 349 Cumberland Street, which is not legally protected by bylaw nor on the City's Heritage Register, although is