

Township of
Langley



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HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

T. Annandale, Community Co-Chair
Councillor B. Long, Council Co-Chair
Councillor M. Kunst, Council Co-Chair

C. Boughen, T. Lightfoot, W. Mufford, F. Pepin, M. Pratt, and H. Whittell

Staff:

E. Horricks, Heritage Planner
V. Spearn, Acting Cultural Services Manager
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Heritage Advisory Committee November 6, 2019**

Moved by H. Whittell,
Seconded by F. Pepin,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the
agenda items of the November 6, 2019 meeting, as amended.

CARRIED

Clerk's Note: Item F.2, "Township of Langley Heritage Gap Analysis" was added
to the agenda.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Heritage Advisory Committee October 2, 2019**

Moved by M. Pratt,
Seconded by H. Whittell,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the October 2, 2019
meeting.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs' Reports

T. Annandale reported that M. Pratt will be stepping down from the committee as he has been accepted into Basic Training for the Canadian Army Reserves, and thanked him for his contribution to the committee.

2. Heritage Planner's Report

E. Horricks reported the following:

- The Archeological Overview Assessment is progressing and should be completed by early spring. Staff is looking into the possibility of having the consultants return to the committee in the New Year to provide the committee with an overview of what has been achieved.
- Earlier this year the Ministry of Agriculture passed Bill 52 to update the regulatory requirements for the ALR. The challenge the new legislation presents for heritage resources relates to its strict one residence policy that will affect the retention of historic farmhouses, as people build larger homes to replace them.
- Although there is provision in the new policy for owners to make application for a non-adhering use to retain an existing residence, both recent inquiries and formal applications made by owners to the ALC have not been favourable to date.
- Typically historic farm residences are considerably smaller than what may be viewed as a desirable primary residence today; however based on their smaller size they have frequently found supplementary uses on farms as either second residences for family use, or as functional outbuildings.
- Heritage sites such as the Annand-Rowlatt farmstead and the Dixon farmstead are excellent examples of complete farmsteads that have retained their first residence, barns and outbuildings. Keeping them intact contributes to their heritage value and allows them to fully depict the early small-scale economic efforts in farming that contributed to the development of agriculture in Langley today.
- Following adverse feedback from the public over the past several months, the Ministry of Agriculture is seeking further consultation with the public on Bill 52 in the form of written submissions, or through an online questionnaire that will be available until November 15.
- With 75% of the Township's land in the ALR, the new policy has the potential to impact a significant number of the Township's heritage resources. This issue arose earlier this year surrounding discussions related to issues facing rural heritage.

COUNCIL

Moved by T. Annandale,

Seconded by W. Mufford,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council write a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture expressing concern regarding the one residence policy and its potential impact on the retention of historic farm residences in the

D. REPORTS

Township of Langley over the long-term.
CARRIED

3. Museum Manager's Report

V. Spearn presented the floor plans and an overview of the proposed museum and cultural centre in Fort Langley. She noted that \$3million has been secured from the Federal Government, and that they hope to break ground in the spring of 2020, depending on provincial government support. A goal of the project would be to complete it by 2023 to align with the Township's 150 birthday.

4. Heritage Review Panel

T. Annandale reported that the Heritage Review Panel met to review a Heritage Building Incentive Program application from the owners of Porter's General Store to restore the building's second storey windows. The Panel is in support of this application and recommends a grant of \$1,000.

MOTION

Moved by H. Whittell,

Seconded by F. Pepin,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee support the recommendation of the Heritage Review Panel to award a grant of \$1,000 to the owners of Porter's General Store to restore the building's second storey windows.

CARRIED

5. Douglas Day 2019 Planning Committee Report

T. Lightfoot reported that the plans for the Douglas Day are in place and the Douglas Day Committee is looking forward to a successful event.

6. Museum Advisory Group Report

F. Pepin reported the following:

- The "Langley Collects" exhibit will be on display until the middle of January.
- The Christmas decorations at the museum will be put up during mid-November.
- The Museum Advisory Group is discussing the possibility with other museums of having a rotating exhibit on the theme of "Cars, Trains, Buggies and Planes".
- The Heritage Fair will take place again in Langley in the spring of 2020.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. 2019 WORK PROGRAM

1. Heritage Strategy Update

E. Horricks provided a status report on the Heritage Strategy Implementation Plan and reviewed the specific items earmarked for committee involvement over the course of the strategy's implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding potential items for the 2020 work plan items that support the work of the strategy. The following topics were identified for further consideration:

- Exploring rural heritage issues related to the retention, adaptive re-use, and possible incentives for historic farms with significant heritage buildings;
- Exploring salvage efforts and policies related to the deconstruction of heritage buildings;
- Developing online access to the Township's Heritage Inventory; and
- Seeking ways to promote the Heritage Building Incentive Program to support the Heritage Register.

The 2020 Work Plan will be discussed further at the January meeting.

2. Township of Langley Heritage Gap Analysis

E. Horricks presented the final draft of the Township of Langley Heritage Gap Analysis on table, which was discussed by the committee in its draft form at the May meeting. The final report incorporates the suggestions and updates provided by the committee at that meeting. The Heritage Gap Analysis is an outcome of the Our Shared History project. Its purpose is to identify which themes within the Thematic Framework are currently represented on the Community Heritage Register and which are either underrepresented or not present. The report additionally identifies potential inventoried sites that might address identified gaps and makes recommendations for next steps in developing the Heritage Register.

MOTION

Moved by F. Pepin,

Seconded by M. Pratt,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee receive and endorse the recommendations of the final draft of the Heritage Register Gap Analysis.

CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. BC Heritage Awards 2020

Nominations close Friday, November 8, 2019

H. **OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

2. **Heritage Week: February 17-23, 2020**

Provided in package for information.

3. **Call for Submissions – Heritage BC Annual Conference, “The Culture of Heritage: Place and Space”, Chilliwack, May 7-9, 2020**

Provided in package for information.

4. **December Meeting**

The committee will meet as usual in December and combine it with the committee’s annual recognition event.

5. **CN Station**

F. Pepin reported that the historic CNR Station in Fort Langley is having its cedar roof replaced, as it is now forty years old. The proposed new roof will use a new eco friendly roofing application made of recycled products that is durable, wind-resistance, hail and fire resistant, and can be worked on without damaging its components. It has the appearance of cedar in both texture and colour. New cedar roof applications are currently lasting approximately twenty plus years before they need work and this new material can be installed for the same cost, but will last significantly longer.

I. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00pm

J. **TERMINATE**

The meeting terminated at 9:00pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair