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HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

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

C. Boughen, A. Cappon, G. Doubleday, A. Johnson, T. Lightfoot, L. McPhee-Brown,
W. Mufford, F. Pepin, and H. Whittell

Staff:

T. Buckner, Manager, Parks Operations
J. Chenatte, Acting Cultural Services Manager
E. Fong, Trees, Trails, Horticulture, and Natural Areas Superintendent
E. Horricks, Heritage Planner
A. Neufeld, Manager, Parks Administration
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary
P. Tulumello, Acting Director, Recreation, Culture, and Parks

Guests:

C. Seaman
F. Seaman

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Heritage Advisory Committee February 1, 2017

Moved by G. Doubleday,
Seconded by H. Whittell,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda, as amended, and
receive the agenda items of the February 1, 2017 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Heritage Advisory Committee January 4, 2017

Moved by G. Doubleday,
Seconded by A. Johnson,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 4, 2017
meeting
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Delegation: War Memorial Trees in Fort Langley

C. Seaman, a Fort Langley Resident, came as a delegation to discuss the three war memorial tree sites in Fort Langley that have been stumped due to disease. The three sites are located at 96 Avenue and Glover Road, 96 Avenue and Trattle Street, and 96 Avenue and Wright Street. All three trees were planted as part of the same initiative following the First World War and named for individual fallen soldiers. C. Seaman inquired as to when the memorial trees will be replaced; what type of tree will be planted; and will the commemorative plaques that are currently on the site be replaced. He suggested that if the most recently stumped Wilson Commemorative Maple tree located at 96 Avenue and Glover Road is to be re-planted, all three sites should be renewed in the same manner. He further inquired as to whether the wood from the damaged trees could be used for other purposes.

Staff noted that Council passed a motion in December 2016 with respect to the possible replacement or removal of the Wilson Commemorative Maple Tree. The motion indicated that staff, in consultation with the Heritage Advisory Committee, consider the most preferred method to commemorate the memory of A.W. Wilson who died at Vimy Ridge in April 1917, including, but not limited to, planting of a harvested seeding from one of the commemorative Big Leaf Maples, or a Maple tree similar to the one being removed. It additionally stated that if it is determined that the planting of a replacement Maple tree at the original location is not appropriate due to factors related to location, potential for disease or other considerations, then the harvested seedlings from the Big Leaf Maples be planted in a more suitable location to commemorate Langley's fallen.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- The four remaining Big Leaf Maples planted in 1923 were jointly commemorated by the Township and the Langley Heritage Society in 2005. Three of the four trees in total that remain from the 1923 initiative, exist in Fort Langley and all have now been stumped. The fourth Big Leaf Maple, known as the Johnston Commemorative Maple, remains in Milner and is in good condition. The many dozens of other trees originally planted at the corners of road intersections in honour of Langley's fallen have disappeared from the landscape, although the roads named for these soldiers remain an important part of the Township's documented history.
- Several years ago, the Township explored growing trees from the seeds of the remaining Big Leaf Maples, which has resulted in approximately six saplings. The existing saplings have grown to over six feet in height, but are not considered appropriate replacements for these original sites, given their size, shape, age and species. Planting them together as a grove would significantly increase their chances of survival.
- Staff cautioned that planting new trees of the Big Leaf species in locations where the diseased Big Leaf Maples have existed would likely result in the new tree not surviving, given that the diseases that killed the original trees remain in the soil for many years and easily spread to the new saplings. Planting a different species, for example a Copper Beech,

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could provide for a highly durable tree in such locations, as they would not be susceptible to the diseases of the original Big Leaf Maples. The Copper Beech species have been planted in the medians on 200 Street near the highway interchange and are growing very well. Additional species of trees were also discussed as to whether they would be appropriate.

- The Maple leaf had significance for the Canadian Expeditionary Force (the field force created by Canada to serve overseas during the First World War that fought in the battles of Ypres, the Somme, Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele) in which many of Langley's soldiers served. It was worn as a symbol on their uniform lapels. The configuration of the badges closely resembles that of the Big Leaf Maple, as well as some other Maple species. Given the importance of the Maple Leaf as a national symbol to Canadian soldiers at that time, the replanting of a different variety of Maple would be a more appropriate than the introduction of an entirely different tree species.
- Other Maple species that may have the best chance of survival on these sites included identification of the Sugar Maple which has a long clear stem to maintain traffic visibility, is drought resistant, has a low disease potential, and has a leaf configuration that closely resembles that of the Big Leaf Maple. It was suggested that staff consider this and other Maple species further.
- Given that the Big Leaf Maple dedicated to A.W Wilson was a part of a larger initiative, it would be appropriate to consider the renewal of the other two remaining war memorial tree sites in Fort Langley that have also been stumped. The question was asked as to whether all three trees stumps located in close proximity could be replaced at the same time and honoured on Arbour Day this year?
- Removing the existing plaques on the sites that were jointly placed by the Township of Langley and the Langley Heritage Society in 2005 would not be necessary, as there is room on the existing housing for an additional plaque that could state when a new tree was added to the site along with some information on the species planted.

COUNCIL

Moved by W. Mufford,

Seconded by C. Boughen,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to replace the Big Leaf Maple Memorial Tree stumps that remain at 96 Avenue and Glover Road, 96 Avenue and Trattle Street, and 96 Avenue and Wright Street, with another type of Maple, as deemed suitable by staff; and

That staff plant the saplings cultured from the seeds of the original Big Leaf Memorial Maples in a grove at Hudson Bay Park in Fort Langley; and further

That a commemorative ceremony be held for the three replacement memorial trees at the location of 96 Avenue and Glover Road prior to the Arbour Day festivities scheduled for Hudson Bay Park in Fort Langley on April 23, 2017, to honour Langley's fallen following the 100th Anniversary of VIMY Ridge.

CARRIED

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E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Wilson Memorial Maple Tree

M. Forsythe, President, Heritage Manor Strata Council, submitted a letter stating their interest is constructing a park bench from any wood that could be salvaged from the A.W. Wilson Memorial Maple Tree. Heritage Manor, located on the east side of Glover Road and 96 Avenue, overlooks the Wilson Commemorative Tree Site. The bench would include a small plaque that commemorates Wilson and would be placed in front of the Heritage Manor building on Glover Road for public use. The letter asked if the Township would be interested in sharing the wood from this tree.

Staff commented that there were only three branches from the tree that were salvageable in lengths of approximately six feet. Photos of the branches were provided. Although the largest of the branches has a twist in it and may not be as easily used, there may be enough in the two smaller branches to obtain enough wood to construct a bench.

Discussion ensued and it was determined that the Langley Heritage Society has a wood mill and could store the wood while it dries out, and then mill it into lumber for distribution.

COUNCIL

Moved by G. Doubleday,

Seconded by F. Pepin,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse giving the three salvaged branches from the A.W. Wilson Memorial Maple Tree to Heritage Manor to build a commemorative bench for public use in Wilson's name; and further

That the Langley Heritage Society (c/o Fred Pepin) store, dry, and mill the useable sections, and follow up with the Heritage Manor Strata Council regarding dispensing the wood.

CARRIED

T. Buckner, E. Fong, and A. Neufeld, and left the meeting at 8:05pm.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs' Reports

No reports.

2. Heritage Planner's Report

E. Horricks reported the following:

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- The next deadline for the Heritage Building Incentive Program is Friday, February 24. This is the first call for grant applications for 2017.
- The two permanently missing Fraser Highway Mile Markers have now been constructed from of the one being stored at Operations. A further report and discussion of the markers will be scheduled for the March meeting.
- The 36th Annual Heritage BC Awards Gala will take place February 15 in Vancouver for any members who are interested in attending. Tickets for this event can be purchased online at heritagebc.ca.

3. Museum Manager's Report

J. Chenatte reported the following:

- The museum has submitted an application for three Young Canada Works Grants for 2017 summer students.
- A greatly appreciated donation has been received by the museum from the Langley Builders and Developers Trust.
- The museum has applied for a Community Memories Grant to support the plans for a Philip Jackman online exhibit.
- The facility faced a water leak during the set up of a recent show. Careful management of a number of artifacts that had to be temporarily re-located was required while the leak was repaired.
- The "We are Kwantlen" exhibit opened in January and will run until March. P. Tulumello and K. Christian had the honour of being blanketed at the opening ceremony.
- The First World War exhibit and book launch will open April 9.
- A speaker series event is scheduled for April 22 with W. Sommer, M. Forsythe, and C. Leach as speakers.
- The Banner project involving local school students in Walnut Grove to honour local First World War soldiers is now underway.
- The Langley Society for Community Living Art Show is currently on display in the Museum Lobby.
- Family Day events will take place on February 13.
- Education programs continue to receive strong interest, and museum gift shop sales reached their highest ever revenues during the month of December.

4. Heritage Review Panel

T. Annandale reported that the Panel met to discuss and approve an extension for the Flowerdew Residence grant awarded in 2016.

5. Douglas Day 2016 Planning Committee Report

No report.

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6. Museum Advisory Group Report

F. Pepin reported that MAG is sponsoring a bus tour of historic Murrayville during heritage week on February 20. He added that the Langley Heritage Society will contribute \$2,500 to the Museum's Heritage Fair Program.

F. 2017 WORK PROGRAM

1. HAC 2017 Work Plan

Approved by Council January 16 and included in the package for reference.

2. Context Statement & Thematic Framework – Public Input Opportunities

The public workshops that will assist in developing a historic context statement and thematic framework for Langley will be held as follows:

Langley's Built Heritage – Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 – 4:00pm

Natural and Cultural Landscapes – Friday, February 17, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Agriculture – Wednesday, March 1, 1:00 – 4:00pm

Sports and Recreation – Thursday, March 2, 9:00am – 12:00pm

The Arts in Langley – Thursday, March 2, 1:00 – 4:00pm

Staff asked the committee membership to sign-up for those they wish to attend.

3. Commemorative War Memorial Trees

See item C.1

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Nominees Sought for Volunteer Township Awards

Application Deadline: February 10, 2017

2. Federal Incentives for the Rehabilitation of Canada's Historic Places

Bill C-323 – An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

It was noted that Bill C-323 is a Private Member's Bill that supports federal incentives for the rehabilitation of Canada's historic places through a proposed amendment to the Income Tax Act. The National Trust for Canada is encouraging participation from heritage advocates, heritage property owners, the construction industry and property developers in letting elected officials from across Canada know that Canada's historic places matter and that federal action can help in saving and renewing them. A similar tax incentive program has been in place in the United States for approximately 40 years and has proven to be very successful in supporting the renewal of heritage sites.

3. New Grant Program: BC Canada | 150 Grants: Celebrating BC Communities and their Contributions to Canada

Application Deadline: February 10, 2017

4. HAC 2017 Picture

A photo was taken of the committee for the TOL website.

N. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00pm

O. TERMINATE

Moved by G. Doubleday,
Seconded by H. Whittell,
That the meeting terminate at 8:43pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair