



HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 7:10pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor P. Arnason, Co-Chair
T. Annandale, Co-Chair

C. Boughen, A. Cappon, G. Doubleday, A. Johnson, F. Pepin, and H. Whittell

Staff:

Kobi Christian, Arts and Heritage Curator
D. Dolan, Community Support Clerk
E. Horricks, Heritage Planner
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Heritage Advisory Committee October 5, 2016

Moved by A. Cappon,
Seconded by C. Boughen,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the
agenda items of the October 5, 2016 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Heritage Advisory Committee September 7, 2016

Moved by H. Whittell,
Seconded by A. Cappon,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the September 7,
2016 meeting, as amended.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs' Reports

Councillor Arnason reported that she attended the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference in Victoria.

T. Annandale noted that he had just returned from a trip to the Okanagan during which time he visited the historic mining town of Hedley.

2. Heritage Planner's Report

E. Horricks reported the following:

- The fall deadline for the Heritage Building Incentive Program closed on September 30. Grant applications for this period will be discussed at the November meeting.
- The first task force meeting for the Historic Context Statement and Thematic Framework project is scheduled for November 7. D. Luxton, consultant for the project, has been invited the November Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to provide a brief presentation on the project and how it works within heritage conservation processes generally.
- The Murrayville Community Hall Association received a HBIP grant earlier this year to restore the original wood windows on the Murrayville Hall. The association is also planning to paint the trim and replace the gutters and down spouts on the building. Work is scheduled for completion later this fall.
- During the recent Township of Langley Farm Tour, hosted by the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee, participants visited the Kensington Prairie Farm located at 1736 – 248 Street, where the owners provided a brief history of the farm's evolution over the past century. One of the participants in the tour has inquired as to whether this history could be captured for our archives in some way.
 - Discussion ensued and it was noted that the farm was originally owned by the Earl B. Finning family, owners of the well-known Finning Tractor and Equipment Company. Mr. Finning passed away during the 1960s after which the extensive farm underwent a number of subdivisions into smaller farms and lots. This section of the original farm has had a number of owners since the 1960s. The existing house on the property, which has an effective build date of 1957, has been updated and customized.
 - Staff and committee members who know subsequent owners of the farm will look into the history further for archival purposes and share what is discovered at a future meeting.
 - K. Christian noted that an archival research folder will be initiated at the museum to keep track of the information received for future research purposes.

D. REPORTS

3. Museum Manager's Report

K. Christian reported the following:

- The storage extension on the south side of the building has been painted and is nearly complete.
- The upcoming exhibit, "It's Alive! The Development of Modern Electricity and Electromagnetism", will open on October 19.
- The museum has been busy recently responding to many research requests from the public, and looking for volunteers to assist with this year's upcoming events.
- Fall public programs include "Science Sundays" for children, which will complement the exhibit on electricity, and "Fashion Design Sketching" and "Manga Madness" for pre-teens.
- The 2016-2017 school brochure has been sent to all Langley elementary and middle schools.
- Registration for the "Pioneer Christmas" and "Fraser Valley Families" events are now full.
- The museum docents recently visited the UBC Botanical Gardens for their field trip this year.
- Museum staff attended a recent BC Field Trip for Teachers to showcase the museum's education catalogue and make connections with teachers and districts outside of Langley and Surrey. Since the event the museum has received a record number of bookings for the new Emily Carr and Group of Seven art programs, which highlight Canadian Artists and First Nations culture.
- Museum staff also attended the SFU and KPU Volunteer Fairs to promote the museum's programs and recruit for volunteer positions at the museum.

4. Heritage Review Panel

No report.

5. Douglas Day 2016 Planning Committee Report

A. Johnson reported the following:

- The program for the Douglas Day event has been finalized and made ready for printing.
- Invitations are being mailed out on October 7 and an ad for the event will run in the local papers. The committee members also phone all the new pioneers each year to assist in orienting new attendees. Invitations will also be sent to KFN, as in previous years.
- The museum has been assisting the committee with finding volunteers to help serve at the event.

D. REPORTS

6. Museum Advisory Group Report

F. Pepin reported that the Langley Heritage Society and the museum shared a tent at Campbell Valley Days. Attendance was low on the Saturday due to poor weather, but Sunday experienced a better turnout. He further noted that the school programs are filling up quickly and that the Langley Heritage Society has added another school to their sponsorship list to attend museum programs this year, bringing the total of number of schools sponsored by the society to eight.

K. Christian added that the museum is having a Halloween event for young children on October 29 from 10:00am to noon, and 1:30 – 3:30pm.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Nominations for New Stop of Interest Signs

The Province has announced the addition of up to 75 new Stop of Interest signs throughout BC and has invited municipalities and others to participate in putting nominations forward for consideration. Stakeholders are asked to nominate people, places, or events of provincial significance.

Staff noted that this initiative may be of interest to the committee as it coincides with the committee's HBC Signage project intended to provide increased recognition for the historic Hudson's Bay Company Farm in Milner. Given that a provincial highway runs through the middle of the original Farm, a stop of interest could enhance the Milner Cairn, which exists at its centre and pays tribute to Milner's early history. The Farm's provincial significance lies in it being the first commercial farm in the province and in its early rail and road transportation infrastructure that contributed to the province's early development.

Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2017. The committee will consider this opportunity further at the November meeting.

F. 2016 WORK PROGRAM

1. Committee Terms of Reference Review

The Council Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw 2008 No. 4700 requires that Advisory Committees review their Terms of Reference every two years. The Terms of Reference for all the committees of Council were last amended in 2015 at the time changes were made to the committees generally. One aspect of the Heritage Advisory Committee terms of reference that has not been updated since that time is "Section 11.00 – Relationship to Other Council Advisory Committees".

The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and recommended the following revision:

F. 2016 WORK PROGRAM

MOTION

Moved by C. Boughen,

Seconded by F. Pepin,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee endorse replacing the existing wording in Section 11.0 – Relationship to Other Council Advisory Committees, with the following:

The Heritage Advisory Committee shall liaise with other Advisory Committees as required, or as directed by Council, on matters of mutual interest and benefit.

CARRIED

COUNCIL

Moved by F. Pepin,

Seconded by H. Whittell,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the revision to the Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference that replaces the existing Section 11.0 with the following:

Section 11.0 – Relationship to Other Council Advisory Committees

The Heritage Advisory Committee shall liaise with other Advisory Committees as required, or as directed by Council, on matters of mutual interest and benefit.

CARRIED

2. Community Heritage Register Recognition Program for 2017

Staff commented that the Community Heritage Register Recognition Program recognized three residences in 2016 as the focus of the Heritage Tour in June. A number of other sites have been additionally recognized in recent years, including the Langley Substation in 2015, and the commemorative component for Old Yale Road is currently underway. Although there are buildings that are in varying stages of the restoration or recognition process, most will not be completed in time for an early 2017 presentation.

The focus of the 2017 committee work plan will be the Context and Themes Project, which aligns with Canada's 150-year celebration. The theme for heritage day in 2017 is "My Canada!", designed to inspire Canadians across the country to explore and celebrate their own heritage places. This project that focuses on the development of the Township as a whole aligns well with this theme.

Two projects that are part of the committee's work plan this year, which are earmarked for completion during 2017, include the HBC Farm Signage and the Fraser Highway Mile Markers projects, both of which will require plaques or signs. It was suggested that in lieu of preparing building plaques for 2017, that the resources available for such plaques be allocated to HBC Farm and Fraser Highway Mile Marker projects.

F. 2016 WORK PROGRAM

MOTION

Moved by H. Whittell,

Seconded by A. Cappon,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee supports directing available resources for annual plaques in 2017 to plaquing and signage for the Fraser Highway Mile Marker and HBC Farm Signage projects.

CARRIED

3. Fraser Highway Mile Markers

Staff visited the mile marker sites during September to select possible locations for the markers reestablishment. Many can be restored very close to their original location, but two markers located in ditch areas that are without even ground present challenges. Engineering is assisting with determining safe spots for them, which are not too far away from their original locations.

A question has been presented to staff regarding whether any aspects of the Fraser Highway Mile Marker project would be of archeological interest to local First Nations. It was noted that the mile markers themselves that were placed in the 1930s would not be, but given that the Fraser Highway was originally the Old Yale Road, there may be links to earlier transportation routes in the area, particularly where the route crossed or came into contact with waterways.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Committee seek ways of including information on sites of shared interest in interpretive projects at the time they are being developed. One way of starting this dialogue is through the Historic Context and Thematic Framework Project that is just getting underway. This topic will be discussed further at future HAC meetings.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. Rainbow Crosswalk at Glover and Mavis in Fort Langley

The following motion was referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee:

That Council authorize staff to refer the concept of installing rainbow-coloured crosswalks at the intersection of Glover Road and Mavis Avenue in Fort Langley to the Business Improvement Association (BIA) and the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) for their input; and direct staff to include related costs in the 2017 Budget for Council's consideration and subsequent implementation.

Amendment

That the concept of a Rainbow Crosswalk in Fort Langley also be referred to staff for input regarding this project as a public art initiative.

CARRIED

Main Motion, as amended

The question was called on the Main Motion, as amended, and it was

CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councillor Arnason noted that Council received a delegation in July from a group of artists in Fort Langley requesting the development of a rainbow crosswalk in Fort Langley or an alternate community, with the aim of demonstrating inclusiveness within the Township. The matter was referred to staff for a report on the cost and safety implications of the project with specific focus on a possible location at Glover Road and Mavis Avenue in Fort Langley. After receiving the staff report, Council subsequently referred the item to the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Fort Langley Business Improvement Association for additional comment. Since that time, and following recognition of the high costs involved with such work, the Fort Langley group making the request have undertaken to raise money through art sales to support the project. Apart from those monies raised to support the installation of the project, maintenance costs for the crosswalk will still need to be addressed in future.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- There is no specific planning policy for Fort Langley generally, or for the Heritage Conservation Area specifically, that addresses sidewalks of this nature. Marked pedestrian crossings are traffic control devices and subject to specific engineering requirements as noted in the Engineer's Report.
- Based on the engineering requirements for a crosswalk at Glover Road and Mavis Avenue, the pedestrian crossing would require that all four legs of the crossing are coloured in the same manner.
- It was observed that rainbow sidewalks in the Greater Vancouver area vary significantly in their appearance and impact based on the specific pattern and the extent of colour applied to the pavement.
- It was additionally noted that a rainbow crossing may not blend with the current colour palette of Fort Langley's heritage conservation area as reflected in its existing streetscapes and buildings.
- In response to the question regarding whether other locations and types of installations have been considered that might involve fewer crossing legs, and therefore less expense and long-term maintenance costs, it was noted that other locations in the Township, as well as other mediums of expression, such as the use of light, have been identified during discussions on the matter.
- It was noted that it is not obvious as to why this particular intersection was selected over the many possibilities available that would be more prominent and as a result more effective in meeting the aims of the project.
- It was additionally observed that the project could be unduly delayed at this intersection given that it could not be undertaken until current planned roadworks for this intersection are completed.
- Installing the rainbow sidewalk at a more prominent intersection with only one leg, for example the crossing at Glover Road and St. Andrews Avenue that serves school-age children and links the residential areas east of Glover with the school and public park, may have an additional safety benefit.

The Committee, by unanimous consent, expressed support for the concept in principle, but felt that it could better achieve its aim in an alternate location.

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Committee Application Process 2017

Members of the Heritage Advisory Committee whose terms are expiring in December 2016 are welcome to re-apply at www.tol.ca/committees. Application deadline is October 28, 2016.

2. Building Capacity for Heritage Conversation, BCHC 2015 Summary Report

The Heritage Branch does an annual heritage capacity survey with all municipalities. The Summary Report for 2015 was provided in the package for information.

**3. World Heritage in Canada, Parks Canada Call for Applications
Deadline: January 27, 2017**

Provided in the package for information.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by A. Cappon,
That the meeting terminate at 8:45pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair