



## HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00pm  
Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

Councillor Bob Long, Council Co-Chair  
Tom Annandale, Community Co-Chair

Chris Boughen, Adam Cappon, Gloria Doubleday, Alice Johnson, Lori McPhee-Brown, Wesley Mufford, Fred Pepin, and Harold Whittell

#### **Staff:**

Jeff Chenatte, Acting Cultural Services Manager  
Elaine Horricks, Heritage Planner  
Kim Stepto, Recording Secretary

#### **Guest:**

Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton and Associates

### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **1. Heritage Advisory Committee June 7, 2017**

Moved by G. Doubleday,  
Seconded by A. Johnson,  
That the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the June 7, 2017 meeting, as amended.  
**CARRIED**

**Clerk's Note:** Item H.3, Coghlan Hall, was added to the agenda.

### **B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Heritage Advisory Committee May 3, 2017**

Moved by G. Doubleday,  
Seconded by H. Whittell,  
That the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting  
**CARRIED**

## **C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Draft Historic Context Statement and Thematic Framework**

D. Luxton presented an update to the Committee on the status of the draft Historic Context Statement and Thematic Framework. He noted that the document is not a written history, but rather an analytical tool that will promote an improved understanding of the sites on the Community Heritage Register while assisting with future heritage site assessments. He noted that the Task Force, which has broad representation across community interests, combined with the community workshops and open house that have taken place, have provided invaluable input in formulating the project. The final documentation for the project will be comprised of two documents: a short Summary Document for quick reference, as well as a lengthier more comprehensive detailed Background Document. Final stages for the project include addressing recommended revisions to the draft, and assessing the sites on the Community Heritage Register to see where they fall within the thematic framework. Once this has been completed, potential gaps in the Register will be assessed. He added that sites that no longer exist materially today might also be included in the document as commemorated, celebrated or interpreted sites.

D. Luxton reviewed the draft document, comprised of a ten-chapter historic context statement and five themed framework with forty sub-themes, with the committee. He noted that it is a “living” document in that it can be built out further when new information on aspects of Langley’s past become evident.

Staff noted that next steps in the process include addressing final input from the Task Force and a presentation to Council, after which the documents will be made available online. Discussion regarding the educational possibilities for this document will also be explored in the fall.

The Committee expressed appreciation for D. Luxton’s presentation, and by unanimous consent recommended that the completed draft be forwarded to Council for endorsement.

## **D. REPORTS**

### **1. Co-Chairs’ Reports**

Councillor Long and T. Annandale reported that they attended the 2017 Heritage BC Conference in Victoria in May. They commented that it was an excellent conference with the theme, “Imagining Futures”. Photos and a video from the conference were shared with the Committee. They added that Dr. Lorna Williams, Associate Professor Emeritus, Indigenous Education, from the University of Victoria provided an excellent keynote address.

### **2. Heritage Planner’s Report**

E. Horricks reported the following:

- Council approved the motion regarding installing Pioneer Markers for Larmon and Holding on 224 Street, and replacing the missing markers on

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Wilson-Townline and Johnstone-Townline Roads. The markers will be installed in the months ahead.

- Work has begun on the restoration of the Murrayville Cenotaph, which is anticipated to be completed early this summer.
- The Loucks Residence will be home to some filming activity over the summer months. The production crew is undertaking a process of what is referred to as “dressing down” the residence on a temporary basis. On completion of the filming, the residence will be restored to its current condition and colour scheme. The Loucks heritage site has been the top income earner for Metro Vancouver Parks for three of the past four years.
- The site plaques for the new Sugar Maple trees in Fort Langley are currently being cast and will be installed during the summer.
- In response to a request arising at the last meeting pertaining to the Patricia Lutheran Churchyard Cemetery, staff followed up with the project manager for the highway-widening project on 264 Street between 0 Avenue and 8 Avenue, to determine what steps were being taken with respect to the graves at this historic location. The following was provided by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) for the Committee’s information:
  - As part of the planning for the road widening, Geoscans were taken of the original Patricia Lutheran Churchyard that confirmed three potential grave locations.
  - Documentation for this site indicates that a mother and two children were buried here in the early twentieth century, who either perished in fire, or died of disease (smallpox is cited). A possible additional grave for the spouse of the first owner of the Church (after the church closed) has also been documented for this site.
  - The archaeological approach in such circumstances involves designing around the gravesites and monitoring them during construction. In addition, if they are deemed too shallow, it may be recommended that more fill be provided on the site to protect them overtime. (Location maps provided by MoTI were shared with the committee for their information.)
  - Once the design for the road has been finalized, the location of the graves will be registered with the provincial Archaeological Branch in order to provide ongoing protection for the site.
  - The final design for the road widening has not yet been finalized and is only 50% complete.
  - An Open House for the road-widening project will be scheduled during late June or early July, and everyone is welcome to attend.
  - MoTI staff have inquired as to whether the Committee would be interested in recognizing this site with a historical marker in future.

The Committee requested that they remain informed of the final design for the graves, and be advised of the date for the provincial Open House. They also indicated that they would like the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of commemoration in the form of a historic marker, once the project is complete.

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#### **3. Museum Manager's Report**

J. Chenatte reported the following:

- The Museum is now under the newly formed Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives Division.
- The Tourism Passport Challenge, developed by Tourism Vancouver, brought 4000 visitors to the museum this past year, an increase of 154% over last year, with increased gift shop revenues of 109%.
- The Volunteer Luncheon was held at the Langley Seniors Resource Centre where two docents with 25 years of service, two with 20 years, two with 15 years, and two with 10 years, were recognized.
- The annual docent field trip this year was a walking trip to the BC Farm Museum.
- Some protective housing is being built for the museum's new HVAC system, and plans are being developed to improve the front courtyard of the facility.
- To date, school programs have received 520 bookings for the coming year, which is the largest ever received.
- "Sacrifice and Sorrow" will be on display until July 16, 2017.
- "Spinners and Weavers" will run from July 25 – October 25, 2017.

#### **4. Heritage Review Panel**

T. Annandale reported that the Panel met to provide comment on the Red Pot Pottery House Heritage Alteration Permit application for the corner of Mavis Avenue and McBride Street in Fort Langley. The owner is proposing to add a second storey and new roof to the existing house, and re-landscape the site. A portion of the newly renovated home will support a home-based pottery studio.

The Panel noted that the proposal was consistent with the form and character guidelines for the conservation area and recommended support for the proposed renovations that they felt would enhance this transitional corner between the Mavis Avenue commercial and McBride Street residential.

#### **MOTION**

Moved by W. Mufford,

Seconded by A. Cappon,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee support the recommendations of the Heritage Review Panel for the Red Pot Pottery House renovation.

#### **CARRIED**

T. Annandale further reported that the Panel reviewed two Heritage Building Incentive Program applications for the Murrayville Hall and the Murrayville Garage. The Murrayville Hall Association would like to repair their porches and paint the upper exterior portion of the hall, and the Langley Montessori School would like to re-paint the exterior of the Murrayville Garage. The Hall association qualifies for a 50% grant of \$4,050, and the School qualifies for a 10% grant of \$1,000, based on the heritage status of their respective buildings.

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**MOTION**

Moved by L. McPhee-Brown,

Seconded by C. Boughen,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee support the recommendations of the Heritage Review Panel to award Heritage Building Incentive Program grants to the following heritage properties:

- a) A grant of \$4,050.00 to the Murrayville Community Memorial Hall Association for the exterior painting and porch repair of the Murrayville Community Hall; and
- b) A grant of \$1,000.00 to the Langley Montessori School for the exterior painting of the Murrayville Garage.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO EXTEND**

Moved by H. Whittell,

Seconded by A. Johnson,

That the meeting be extended to 9:30pm.

**CARRIED**

**5. Douglas Day 2017 Planning Committee Report**

A. Johnson reported that the Douglas Day Committee had its first planning meeting on May 10. The Committee considered a number of themes for Douglas Day 2017, and favour the theme "Transportation Through the Years". The committee may invite the Cypress Creek Duo to provide entertainment again, and are looking to invite the Fort's Proclamation re-enactment group to participate in the event. Further planning for the event will continue next week.

**6. Museum Advisory Group Report**

F. Pepin reported that the Heritage Fair went very well, and that the Langley Heritage Society will continue to support the annual event. He noted that the BC Farm Museum will be unveiling their new art panels on June 17 at 2:00pm at their location on King Street in Fort Langley, and added that the Langley Heritage Society has hired a new person to look after the CNR Langley Station in Fort Langley.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. 2017 WORK PROGRAM**

**1. Fraser Highway Markers**

E. Horricks provided the following update:

- Marker 28 has now been re-located to the sidewalk side of the farm fence where it can be easily viewed.

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- Marker 35, which has been sitting on the grass in the linear park in Aldergrove with its foundation exposed, will be lowered to be in line with the other markers.
- Small plaques have been applied to the backs of the nine markers, as shown in the photos provided.
- The interpretive panels that provide the history of the markers to the travelling public are currently being made and will be installed at Markers 29 and 35 where there are landscaped areas to receive them.
- A media release is being prepared, and there will be announcements on social media to inform the public of their reinstatement.
- An invitation has been extended to Jim Foulkes at the request of the Committee to participate in the photo opportunity for the markers, and he has responded positively to the invitation.

A date and location for the photo opportunity was discussed and June 27 was identified as a favourable date. Staff will follow-up with the Mayor's office and inform the Committee of a finalized time for the event.

The Committee further discussed the potential of formally recognizing the Fraser Highway Mile Markers through the Community Heritage Register. Currently, only one of the original nine markers is on the Heritage Inventory; it was added in 1993. After that time, two additional markers surfaced and were relocated along the highway. With the recent location of four additional markers and replication of the two deemed lost, a full contingent of nine markers are now reinstated along Fraser Highway as they would have existed in the 1930s.

**COUNCIL**

Moved by W. Mufford,

Seconded by G. Doubleday,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council add the Fraser Highway Mile Markers to the Community Heritage Register.

**CARRIED**

**Clerk's Note:** See Attachment A that includes a brief history and photos of the Fraser Highway Mile Markers.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

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

**1. Heritage Legacy Fund**

Grant Application Deadline – June 30, 2017

**2. BC Heritage Conservation Fact Sheet and Case Studies 2016**

Provided in package for information.

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**3. Coghlan Hall**

Councillor Long requested that the Heritage Review Panel be invited to tour Coghlan Hall to see what improvements need to be made, and if there is potential to move the hall. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged before the fall to visit the site.

**N. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
**Location:** Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue  
**Time:** 7:00pm

**O. TERMINATE**

Moved by G. Doubleday,  
That the meeting terminate at 9:30pm.  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair





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# FRASER HIGHWAY MILE MARKERS

In 1858, the Gold Rush brought many Europeans to British Columbia, and created a need for new routes from the population centres on the coast to the gold fields upcountry. A number of trunk roads were constructed through the valley, the most important of which was the New Westminster and Yale Waggon Road, known as Yale Road, built between 1872 and 1874. By 1930, the Old Yale Road was chosen as the local route for a new Trans-Canada Highway, and the Fraser Highway came into existence. This improved highway had fewer curves and gentler slopes. It was re-routed in certain areas to improve the grades, reflecting the different abilities of horse-drawn wagons and gasoline-powered automobiles. By 1931, the Fraser Highway was well on its way to being completely paved. By 1964, a new Trans-Canada highway system was constructed through the valley, north of Fraser Highway, leading to the rapid urbanization of the area.

In the early 1930s, nine original concrete mile markers, labelled 28 through 36, were placed along the south side of Fraser Highway in the Township of Langley, as part of a larger initiative to mark the travel miles from the Main Post Office in Vancouver (located at Hastings and Granville) to points east throughout the Fraser Valley. In 2017, several markers originally placed here were found in nearby ditches and fields and reinstated in as close proximity as possible to their original locations. Two of the original nine markers that were deemed lost, were replicated and restored to their original locations. These nine mileposts (seven original and two replicates) are some of the only markers of this type remaining today.







Fraser Highway  
Mile Marker 29

c.1930

Original Lost -

Replicated 2017

Approximate Original  
Location







Fraser Highway  
Mile Marker 35

c.1930

Approximate  
Original  
Location