



## **HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

C. Boughen, Community Co-Chair  
Councillor B. Long, Council Co-Chair

T. Annandale, R. Genberg, S. Jacobsen, T. Lightfoot, F. Pepin, and H. Whittell

#### **Guests:**

B. and F. Downing  
G. MacDonnell, Fraser Valley Research Services

#### **Staff:**

J. Aldag, Cultural Services Manager  
E. Horricks, Heritage Planner  
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A Committee Orientation for new members took place at 6:00pm.

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

#### **1. Heritage Advisory Committee February 5, 2020**

Moved by T. Annandale,  
Seconded by H. Whittell,  
That the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the  
agenda items of the February 5, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

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

#### **1. Heritage Advisory Committee January 8, 2020**

Moved by H. Whittell,  
Seconded by T. Annandale,  
That the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the January 8, 2020  
meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. “The Historic Corridor of the Great Northern Railway”**

B. Downing provided a presentation on a proposal to have interpretive signage established along Grade Crescent in the City of Langley to recognize the early location of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway (VV&E), later known as the Great Northern Railway. He noted that the railway was built in 1915 and ran along Grade Crescent in the City, extending east and west through the Township of Langley and the City of Surrey.

He indicated that he will be proposing to the City of Langley that they consider signage at Conder Park, Sendall Gardens, and Iris Mooney Park, and suggested that the Township may wish to consider developing signage in areas where the GNR existed within the Township.

The type of interpretive signage being envisioned takes its inspiration from several Township interpretive projects such as the BCER signage, which he felt was highly informative. The interpretive signs are planned for locations in the City's park areas where there is a high level of pedestrian activity.

Historic researcher, G. MacDonnell, also attended the presentation to field questions on the original route of the GNR in the City and Township, which is still discernible in aerial photographs today.

The Committee expressed an interest in exploring the history of the railways in Langley further as a potential next step in developing an initiative of this nature in future.

**MOTION**

Moved by H. Whittell,

Seconded by T. Annandale,

That Graham MacDonnell, Fraser Valley Heritage Research Services, be invited to a future Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to provide a presentation on the history of the railways in Langley.

**CARRIED**

**D. REPORTS**

**1. Co-Chairs' Reports**

Councillor Long reported that the committee appreciation event and Vancouver Giants Game at the Langley Events Centre was well received.

C. Boughen reported that he attended his first Langley Heritage Society lecture and noted that the website for the Aldergrove Telephone Museum has been updated. He further welcomed John Aldag to the committee as the new Cultural Services Manager.

**D. REPORTS**

**2. Heritage Planner's Report**

E. Horricks reported that the next deadline for applications to the Heritage Building Incentive Program is March 6, and added that staff will be looking at introducing an online application process this year for those applying to the program. She further reported that Council endorsed the Heritage Advisory Committee's 2020 Work Plan on January 27.

**3. Museum Manager's Report**

J. Aldag commented that he is excited to be starting his new position as the Cultural Services Manager and provided a brief history of his experience. He further noted that the Museum is working on updating several of its policies, which will be presented to Council in the fall for endorsement.

**4. Heritage Review Panel**

No report.

**5. Douglas Day 2020 Planning Committee Report**

R. Genberg reported that the Douglas Day Committee recently reviewed the definition of pioneer for the purposes of Douglas Day, and has resolved to remove the descriptor "consecutive" from the 60-year residential requirement. This makes the definition consistent with the original criteria established for this event, and will assist in addressing concerns regarding excluding potential pioneers from the event who have had to leave the Township for health, housing or other reasons.

**6. Museum Advisory Group Report**

On behalf of F. Pepin, R. Genberg reported that the Langley Heritage Society (LHS) is a sponsor for the Heritage Fair this year. To date, Dorothy Peacock and James Kennedy have registered to take part at the school level. The museum will be co-hosting the Regional Heritage Fair with the Langley School District on April 3, 2020 at the Fort Langley Community Hall. The LHS and museum will be looking for judges for the event.

J. Aldag commented that he recently attended his first meeting of the Museum Advisory Group.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. 2020 WORK PROGRAM**

**1. HAC 2020 Work Plan**

Approved work plan provided in package for reference.

**2. Terms of Reference for Langley's Rural Heritage (Phase 1)**

One of the approved items in the Committee's 2020 Work Plan this year is the establishment of a work group or task force to undertake research on Langley's Rural Heritage as it pertains to the preservation of historic buildings.

The work includes undertaking preliminary research as a basis for exploring heritage issues in rural Langley and investigating ways of providing incentives for historic farms with significant heritage buildings. The research is intended to provide some background information that will assist in developing an approach to further work on this relatively complex topic.

The research will focus on the compilation of examples (in a case study format) of significant rural heritage buildings that have been retained in Canadian or US jurisdictions, and the policies, incentive programs, alliances and partnership that have contributed to their preservation.

The question was raised as to whether a work group or task force was the most appropriate entity to undertake the work, and it was agreed that a committee work group would be sufficient to perform this preliminary research task.

Potential sources of information were discussed along with a draft terms of reference to guide those undertaking the work.

S. Jacobsen, C. Boughen, and T. Lightfoot expressed an interest in being part of the work group. W. Mufford will also be invited to take part.

**MOTION**

Moved by F. Pepin,

Seconded by R. Genberg,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee establish a work group to undertake preliminary research on Langley's Rural Heritage; and further

That C. Boughen, S. Jacobsen, and T. Lightfoot be appointed to undertake the work.

**CARRIED**

Further details related to the terms of reference or appointments to the work group will be finalized at the next meeting.

**3. 2020 Plaque Presentation Update**

E. Horricks reported that the presentation date for those receiving heritage plaques this year has been moved to the March 9 Regular Evening Meeting of Council, due to scheduling conflicts with the recipients. Heritage Advisory Committee members are encouraged to attend.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

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

**1. “Supporting BC Farmers Public Engagement ‘What We Heard’ Report”,  
BC Ministry of Agriculture**

In follow-up to action item H.1 of the January 8, 2020 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes pertaining to the outcomes of the Ministry of Agriculture’s public consultation on Bill 52, the provincial report entitled, “What We Heard” was provided for information.

**2. BC Government News Press Release: “New residential options proposed  
for agricultural land”, January 27, 2020**

A BC Government News Release from the Ministry of Agriculture outlining a new policy direction for second residences on agricultural land was provided for information.

The Ministry of Agriculture is asking for feedback on the residential options proposed by April 17, 2020 at [ALR\\_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ALR_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca). These new options could potentially address the potential loss of historic farm residences in the ALR. Heritage Advisory Committee members are encouraged to respond individually.

**MOTION**

Moved by S. Jacobsen,

Seconded by T. Lightfoot,

That the “What we Heard” Report and BC Government News Press Release from the Ministry be forwarded to the Agricultural Advisory and Economic Enhancement Committee for their information.

**CARRIED**

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

Members to consider if they would like to attend and let E. Horricks know.

**4. HAC 2020 Picture**

Deferred to the March meeting.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020

**Location:** Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue

**Time:** 7:00pm

**J. TERMINATE**

Moved by T. Lightfoot,  
Seconded by H. Whittell,  
That the meeting terminate at 8:46pm.  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair