COMMUNITY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wednesday, June 23, 2021 3:00 – 5:00 pm Via MS TEAMS MINUTES

Regrets: None

Present: Jennifer Clay Philip Baynton Rob Griesdale Mel Montgomery Alastair Moore Bob Muckle Jim Paul (Vice-Chair) Anne Savill (Chair) Cllr. Mathew Bond

Staff:Nicole Foth, Community PlannerMary Jukich, Community Service Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Alastair Moore and seconded by Bob Muckle To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the May 26, 2021 Minutes

MOVED by Mel Montgomery and seconded by Alastair Moore To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

4. Committee Presentation to Council

Following up on the Committee's request to present to Council, Nicole Foth reported that the Committee has a couple options: public input at a Regular meeting, the September 20 Council meeting wherein a presentation from the Committee to Council could be included, and there have been discussions at Council about the possibility of District committees reporting to Council on an annual basis, and there may be an opportunity going forward for the Heritage Committee to present to Council on a more regular basis, or a request could be submitted for a Council workshop however an opening may not be available until the fall at least.

On discussion, the Committee wishes to present at the September 20 Council meeting and will provide their presentation to staff by the end of August.

Members reviewed the draft presentation prepared by Anne Savill and Jennifer Clay, and on completion, the following feedback was provided:

- A suggestion was presented to broaden the context at the beginning to demonstrate the value of the Committee and also the Committee's objectives, and that the Committee get support from Council related to heritage.
- Consider including some case studies wherein there was a heritage property demolished and what resulted, and what is being built after heritage homes are demolished and give the presentation a value statement.
- Possibly give some history in terms of progress since the last Council presentation in February 2018.
- Possibly strengthen the Committee's "ask" to Council, have some tangible questions for Council, and ultimately that the Committee is looking for change and for Council to respond to the Committee's needs.
- Consider responding to what Council hears on individual applications, and could come up with ways to address the issues. As well, perhaps provide more specifics on the suggestions, e.g., what could fast tracking permits look like?
- Consider outlining the value of heritage to Council. As well, whether the business case used to get the Heritage Planner could also be used to justify the value of heritage to Council.

Action: Anne will post the presentation to Basecamp. Action: Members requested to provide feedback by July 16th on Basecamp.

5. Heritage Grants Program

As a follow up from the May meeting and, as requested by the Committee, the archaeological work was removed as an ineligible cost. The heritage grant program is likely going forward to Council on July 5th and, if approved by Council, work will be undertaken to develop the application form. The grant application process is anticipated to be opened early this fall and a communication will be sent out to the heritage register and inventory owners with information about the changes to the program and increase of available funding.

6. 3073 Fromme Road

The Committee was informed that there have been discussions with the property owner to determine if there is interest in pursuing an HRA rather than demolishing the house.

7. Mollie Nye Conservation Guide

Mollie Nye House is one of the District-owned heritage resources and is used by Lynn Valley groups as a public space. It was determined with Facilities and the Real Estate group, as they help to manage the property, that it may be good practice to develop a conservation guide to help the District maintain the building and to inform when replacement materials are needed. In this regard, Donald Luxton's company has been hired to develop a conservation guide and it is expected that a draft of the guide will be ready in September.

8. Any Other Business

(a) Next Meeting

Committee members were asked to indicate if they would be available for the July 28th meeting in summer. Since most members are available, the meeting will be scheduled.

(b) Heritage Landscapes Presentation

Jennifer Clay shared that the North Shore Heritage Preservation Society has organized a presentation on September 23 by Adrian Brown on heritage landscapes, via Zoom. A question was raised on whether it would be possible to request email addresses for every heritage register home owner in order to be able to communicate information on future workshops and presentations. Information was provided that staff will check with the Privacy Coordinator around rules on collecting email addresses.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 - 3:00 – 5:00 pm.