



COMMUNITY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
7:00 – 9:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and via MS Teams)
MINUTES

Present: Anne Savill (Vice Chair)
Jim Paul (Chair) (MS teams)
Jennifer Clay
Trevor Ford
Mel Montgomery
Cllr Jim Hanson

Regrets: Rob Griesdale
Alastair Moore

Staff: Isabelle Kim, Community Planner
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Mel Montgomery and Trevor Ford
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Mel Montgomery and Trevor Ford
To adopt the February 22, 2023 minutes.

CARRIED

4. Heritage Awards

Committee members were informed that 267 Queens Road West and the North Shore Cultural Compass have been approved for heritage awardees. The awards event will take place on April 17 and work is underway in possibly having the First Nations provide a traditional welcome.

5. Plaques Program

Committee members were presented with a proposed design of the plaque prepared by the Communications Department and based on the District's branding guidelines. On review and discussion, the following feedback was provided:

- The plaque should have more "shape" so that it looks like a plaque
- The plaque looks too much like a certificate and should be more "snazzy". Everything on the plaque is rectangle/square.

- Perhaps include a coloured border so that it does not look like a certificate.
- The design is too contemporary.
- The design is dull and not compelling.
- Whether the photograph needs to be so prominent, and perhaps should be smaller scale photograph and the address of the house should be more prominent. In addition, there is not enough white space.
- Whether it was necessary to include the photograph.
- The City of North Vancouver plaque has more of a “yellowish” background and the proposed design has the “white in your face” and looks like a piece of paper.
- A suggestion was presented that it may be beneficial to have a standard style plaque, and in terms of the artwork, four to five designs be prepared for review by the committee.
- It was also suggested that more features of the City’s plaque be incorporated into the proposed design.

6. Heritage Register – Records of demolished buildings

At the February meeting, committee members had indicated whether it was possible to include demolished properties in the heritage register. Staff reported that if demolished properties were included on the register, this would cause complications because the data is used to update the GIS system.

On discussion, committee members indicated that it may be beneficial to maintain some sort of recordkeeping of the demolished buildings and that this be part of the public record. It was suggested if the information could be put into a separate document and posted on the District’s website along with the heritage register and strategic plan. In this regard, staff will provide a further update at a future meeting.

7. Council Heritage Tour

Several Councillors have indicated an interest in the Council heritage tour, and staff will explore possible dates. In terms of the tour itinerary, it was suggested that Council tour only one property and that the selected property be either a recent heritage award recipients or a grant recipient.

8. Properties Tracker

The properties tracker was updated with the 145 Windsor Road East property inquiry

9. HAC Recruitment

Recruitment efforts continue mostly with various professional organizations and social media postings. In addition, work is underway with the Advisory Oversight Committee in terms of reviewing the committee's terms of reference to determine whether there could be some flexibility on who can fill the roles on the committee. Committee members also suggested that it may also be beneficial for a recruitment piece to be included with the grant letters that are distributed in August.

10. Heritage Mapping

GEOweb

A brief review of the GEOweb was provided and information provided that work is underway to explore whether it was possible to have a selectable layer that can show all the heritage properties.

North Shore Culture Compass

The North Shore Culture Compass now has a copy of the heritage register GIS data and will be adding any heritage register or designated properties to their platform, and adding heritage resources such as a link to the Heritage Register and Strategic Plan

11. Heritage Storymap

Work continues with the digital team to prepare the digital walking tour, and a draft mock-up will be available at a future meeting.

12. Any Other Business

- Committee members were provided with a brief presentation with respect to possible ideas on educating younger District residents (kids) on heritage. Examples of how other communities have incorporated heritage into schools were also provided, and possible ways that this could be incorporated into the North Vancouver schools and community.
- An issue was raised that in terms of the heritage register, there were several properties that should be listed and whether this can be actioned. Staff reported that there have been conversations with professionals to gain a better understanding of the broader approach for heritage conservation/designations. In addition, a review of the draft heritage register criteria would be required as well as a process on how to evaluate which properties may or may not have heritage value. It was noted that a framework would need to be established to base questions and criteria which is already part of the strategic plan but work was required in determining funding and who could do this work.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023