



COMMUNITY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Via MS TEAMS

MINUTES

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

Regrets: None

Staff: Nicole Foth, Community Planner
Mary Jukich, Community Service Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Philip Baynton and seconded by Alastair Moore
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the March 3, 2021 Minutes

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

CARRIED

4. Heritage Awards

Members reflected on this year's Heritage Awards ceremony in terms of what worked well and areas that may need improvement. It was noted that new for this year was a traditional welcome from Chief Williams from Squamish Nation. Members provided the following feedback:

- For a digital format the ceremony was well done, but it may have been beneficial if there was a visual on the recipients, and an opportunity for the recipients to speak.
- In terms of the overall awards, there was good diversity of awardees and not just focussing on houses.
- Staff's introduction and overview of each nominee was first class and conveyed well each nomination. However, the ceremony felt time pressured.
- Consideration be given to maintaining a virtual presence of the ceremony as this may allow for a different type of participation.
- The ceremony may have felt impersonal as there was only one person visible instead of a visual of all attendees. Perhaps changes to the technology to allow a visual of all attendees.
- A concern was raised around the lack of publicity of the event or a press release, or perhaps interview the attendees, as this would have been an opportunity to highlight the value of heritage in the community and that the municipality also values heritage.
- In past years, the awards came before the three-minute public input session and was separate from the Council meeting, and perhaps going back to that format. It would also have been good for a visual on the welcome from Chief Williams, as well as to be able to see the awards.

5. Heritage Grants Terms of Reference

Nicole Foth provided an update with respect to the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Heritage Grants. It is anticipated that the document will be brought to Council before the summer break so that the program can begin in the fall. In terms of revisions, as the existing program focusses only on buildings, discussions are underway to expand the idea of heritage to include cultural, social and other intangible forms of heritage, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. In general, the Committee was supportive of this inclusion.

On discussion, a concern was raised whether the Committee would have a further opportunity for review and input prior to the document going to Council. In this regard, staff will schedule a meeting with members of the Committee who may be interested in an in-depth review of the document. In terms of timelines, feedback provided will be incorporated into the document, and posted to Basecamp for the Committee's review prior to bringing it forward to Council.

6. 3075 Fromme Road – Demo Permit

The Committee was informed that the District had received a demo permit from the property, and that the property is on the Heritage Register. As background, there was a previous HRA application to move the house to the corner of the property and construct other residential

units on site. The application received negative community feedback on the proposal. As a result, the applicant did not pursue the application and decided to demolish the house. Staff reached out to Nickel Brothers to see if there is a possibility for the house to be relocated or saved; however, based on their assessment the building cannot be relocated.

A suggestion was presented on whether the owner would consider getting a quote for deconstruction of the house.

Action: Staff will reach out to the owner and ask about the deconstruction and offer some resources.

Concern was raised around the recent losses of heritage houses and that the Committee's priority action should be to give more incentives to developers in order to keep heritage houses. Members were reminded that during a previous discussion on prioritizing actions from the Strategic Plan, the Committee discussed developing a heritage retention and incentive guide; however, the Committee had indicated a desire to prioritize working on plaque program first. The guide could be a way to work on the uncertain aspect related to HRA and to help people make decisions with more information and comfort.

A question was raised whether in terms of incentivizing if there is a new tool instead of the HRA for retaining a heritage asset. Staff provided information from the Guide from the Province of BC which outlines the tools available to municipalities for heritage retention, and that the HRA is one of the tools.

Action: Staff will post the Guide on Basecamp.

7. 1160 Ridgewood Drive – Building Permit (For HRA)

The Committee was informed that the HRA was done several years ago but was not constructed. The property was sold and the new owners are building the plans of the HRA and construction will begin on the site. Since this was a building permit which followed the HRA, the issue was not brought to the Committee as the owner was not requesting any changes to the HRA. The HRA was to retain the front portion of the house and remove the back half, construct an addition and a coach house.

8. Any Other Business

- In terms of providing updates on the heritage houses in the District, staff have an ongoing list, and information will be brought to the Committee when there is movement on any of the properties.
- North Shore Heritage will be hosting a workshop on heritage landscapes and gardens sometime in June, and the invitation will be extended to the District of North Vancouver

Heritage Register homeowners. A suggestion was made to have an email list of Heritage Register owners.

- The Murdo Frazer project is going ahead. There is a number of buildings in the complex and one of the buildings is a garage/carport which is in poor condition. Donald Luxton reviewed the garage/carport for heritage significance and indicated that the structure has not maintained its historical integrity. As a result, the carport will be removed and the area will be landscaped.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 pm