

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE NORTH VANCOUVER MUSEUM & ARCHIVES COMMISSION
COMMENCING AT 5:30pm ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016
AT THE COMMUNITY HISTORY CENTRE
3203 INSTITUTE ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7K 3E5**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR DON BELL (City)
CATHARINE DOWNES (District)
VICTOR ELDERTON (Vice-Chair)
JAMES FOX (City)
COUNCILLOR ROBIN HICKS (District)
TERRY HOOD (District)
RICHARD NOVEK (City)
SANFORD OSLER, Chair
NANCY KIRKPATRICK, Director
LAUREL LAWRY, Recording Secretary
JAN MANATON

REGRETS: SHERRY SHAGHAGHI
KEVIN EVANS
SHERYL FISHER-RIVERS

GUESTS: Scott Hean, Michael Robinson Consulting
Mike Robinson, principal, Michael Robinson Consulting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced Richard Novek, new City appointee to the Commission, and Laurel Lawry, new NVMAC Recording Secretary. The Chair introduced Scott Hean of Michael Robinson Consulting, who had been retained to update the Business Case for the New Museum. Outgoing Recording Secretary Jan Manaton was thanked by the Commission Chair and Museum Director for her long service and valuable contributions. The Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Hood, seconded by Ms. Downes.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bell MOVED and Mr. Novek SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular and In-Camera Meetings held on April 21, 2016
and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

New Museum

- *Confidential Information Report to City Council* – This item was discussed in camera.
- *Mobilizing Public Support* – This item was discussed in camera.
- *First Nations Partnerships Update*
At a meeting with Leonard George Mr. Hood discussed obtaining a support letter for the new museum at Site 8. A support letter from the Aboriginal Tourism Association will be forthcoming. There is an interest in establishing a North Vancouver Aboriginal Cultural Partnership including the Polygon Gallery. Speakers and letters supporting the new museum are expected for the Public Hearing.

5. **REPORTS**

Director's and Museum & Archives Operations Reports

- Shipyards Theatrical Interpreters have commenced working with the contracted theatre specialist and will conduct public tours at the Burrard Dry Dock site and Lynn Canyon during the summer months.
- A successful launch of *The Native Voice* took place on June 9, 2016. The book which was written by former Commissioner Eric Jamieson emerged as a result of the Entwined Histories exhibit. A small exhibit of Maisie Hurley's art work and items from her collection were on display. Chief Dr. Robert Joseph of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and Mr. Tom Berger, former Supreme Court Justice, both shared personal reminiscences of Maisie Hurley.
- June 22 and June 25, 2016 book launches of *Where Mountains Meet the Sea* will take place at the Lynn Valley Library. The book was an initiative of the NVMA which helped coordinate funding and contributions to the book, with most of the illustrations in the book coming from the North Vancouver Archives.
- The online Walter Draycott exhibit (greatwarchronicle.ca) is being automated by a computer science student hired through the student grant program *Young Canada Works*. The Curator has a student researcher hired through the grant program *Canada Summer Jobs* via the Friends Society for the Chief Dan George exhibit.
- Noteworthy acquisitions: A woven Coast Salish cedar briefcase similar to one in a photo taken in 1906 when Chief Joe Capliano visited London has been purchased at auction by the NVMA. Don Bourdon donated a scrapbook showing the Tipperary Tea Garden.
- *The Water's Edge* interactive exhibit at Presentation House is generating positive feedback, and is proving to be so popular time limits for users may be considered.

Governance Committee

A decision by City Council on the impact of Post-Employment Benefits for NVMA staff on the Commission's financial statements will be taken on June 20, 2016. The recommendation from CNV staff is to show the liability on the CNV financial statements. This will result in the previously reported surplus for the NVMA to be retained. The District finance department staff have approved this course of action. Commissioners will work with City staff to resolve this matter.

Friends Society

The Society elected two new Directors at their Annual General Meeting held June 14, 2016. The Museum Director made a presentation on the New Museum at the AGM.

6. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Item deferred.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Vic Elderton has been appointed to the Advisory Group for Capilano University Liberal Arts Committee.

Jan Manaton was thanked again for her service and contributions to NVMA by the Commission Chair and Museum Director. A retirement party is planned for June 22.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for July 21, 2016.



Sanford Osler, Chair
NORTH VANCOUVER MUSEUM & ARCHIVES COMMISSION

Minutes prepared by: 
Laurel Lawry, Commission Secretary