



MINUTES

Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission (HRAC)

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

PRESENT: Acting Chair - Jennifer Robinson; Members: Tamara Hutchinson, Bob Darling, Harald Cowie, Bernardien Knol (LDHS member); Council Liaison – Councillor Rob Hutchins; Staff Liaison & Recorder – Angela Davies

REGRETS/ABSENTS: Marnie Craig, Rob Johnson, Marina Sacht

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

1. AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Agenda of January 26, 2017 be approved with the following additions under New Business: 6(a) Heritage Tax Credit Bill, and 6(b) Canada 150.

2. MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of December 15, 2016 be adopted.

3. COUNCIL REFERRALS/UPDATES

Councillor Hutchins briefed members on recent Council decisions, including the purchase of a property on Thicke Road where a composting facility will be built. Councillor Hutchins also encouraged Commission members to attend the upcoming Speakers Night for the Waterfront Area Plan on February 1, 2017.

4. SIGN/FAÇADE APPLICATIONS

None.

5. HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATES

a) Heritage Week 2017

A. Davies provided the Heritage Week theme and dates recently released by Heritage BC. The dates for Heritage Week are February 13th to 19th, and the theme is “My Canada! My BC!”

Heritage Week celebration activities by the HRAC will include:

- Heritage Week poster promoting the 50th Anniversary of Transfer Beach Park and the new Pictorial.
- Heritage Week signs installed at Community Sign Stands from February 13th to 27th.
- Mayoral Proclamation of Heritage Week at Council on February 6th.

B. Knol provided research and photographs to be used in the Heritage Week poster. 50 posters will be distributed in Ladysmith at public and commercial locations. H. Cowie volunteered to distribute the posters. The poster will also be promoted on the Town’s website and Facebook pages.

Other community initiatives include: the Ladysmith Museum will create a temporary exhibit in 2017 to mark the 50th anniversary of Transfer Beach Park. Take 5 Magazine will create a video showcasing Transfer Beach Park.

Members discussed the request for funding for the video, with suggestions that costs should be determined and agreed upon prior to commencing a project.

Members recommended placing an ad in the March issue of Take 5 magazine highlighting the 50th Anniversary of Transfer Beach Park.

b) 2017 Heritage Projects Work Schedule

A. Davies provided the 2017 heritage project work schedule, which was created with the assistance of Chair M. Craig. The schedule includes four main projects, including Heritage Week, the completion and installation of heritage plaques, a review of the Heritage Strategic Plan Implementation Strategy, and the Heritage Inventory.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Heritage Tax Credit Bill

H. Cowie brought forward information pertaining to a Heritage Tax Credit Bill introduced on December 6, 2016. This Private Member's Bill has the potential to encourage rehabilitation of historic buildings in Canada for properties included in the Canadian Register of Historic Places. Heritage BC and the National Trust for Canada are promoting a "Call to Action" to support the passage of the bill, including letters to local Members of Parliament and the Minister of Environment, along with the MP who introduced the bill.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission recommend to Council the support of the Heritage Tax Credit Bill introduced by MP Peter Van Loan as a means to facilitate investment in heritage properties in our community.

b) Canada 150

Members discussed the potential Pioneer/Founding Families recognition for the Canada 150 celebrations. The Commission will discuss further at the February HRAC meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Heritage BC Awards Announcements

The Award recipients of the 2017 Heritage BC Heritage Awards were announced. Shirley Blackstaff will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the Heritage Awards Gala.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission (HRAC) request funding up to \$1200 to pay for the cost of Shirley Blackstaff to attend the Heritage BC Annual Awards Gala in Vancouver on February 15, 2017, and up to two members of HRAC to accompany her.

B. Knol expressed interest in attending the Gala. An email will be sent to the Commission to determine if any other members are interested in attending. Members also supported the recognition of Shirley Blackstaff by Council at a future meeting.

8. UPDATES

A. Davies noted that members may be interested in joining email notification lists from Heritage BC and the National Trust for Canada.

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Acting Chair (J. Robinson)

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Corporate Officer (J. Winter)