



MINUTES

Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission (HRAC)

Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Agenda of May 25, 2017 be approved with the following additions to New Business:

- (b) Heritage Tree Preservation
- (c) Rhododendron Recognition
- (d) HRAC Bylaw Update
- (e) Heritage Building Revitalization Awards

2. MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of April 27, 2017 be adopted with a correction to the second paragraph of Section 4(b) to read “524 First Avenue”.

3. COUNCIL REFERRALS/UPDATES

Councillor Hutchins provided updates on the Bio-solids composting site and the Waterfront Area Plan. At the May 1, 2017 meeting, Council supported the HRAC recommendation for a Canada 150 Project.

4. SIGN/FAÇADE APPLICATIONS

None.

5. HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATES

A. Davies noted that the building plaque hardware had been ordered, and completion of the building plaques was the next project priority.

HRAC members discussed opportunities to re-use the original wooden plaques. Councillor Hutchins and R. Johnson will bring examples of these plaques to the next HRAC meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Canada 150 Project

M. Sacht volunteered to organize the “Remembering our Peoples – An Invitation to Share Your Family Stories” project. Members discussed how the project would be facilitated and suggested opportunities to use Facebook or links on the Town of Ladysmith and Stz’uminus First Nation websites.

b) Heritage Tree Preservation

HRAC members discussed the opportunity to encourage the recognition or preservation of unique and/or heritage trees in Ladysmith.

HRAC members also discussed the publicity regarding the heritage Rhododendron “Lady Cynthia” located in the front yard of 226 Kitchener Street. Members suggested retaining branches pruned from the tree for propagating purposes. R. Johnson will contact the Saltair Garden Club.

c) Rhododendron Recognition

M. Sacht noted that the owners of the “Lady Cynthia” Rhododendron have been exceptionally accommodating to those visiting the tree on their property, including the placement of an informative plaque and seating at the base of the tree. Members supported recognition of the owners.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission recommend to Council that a letter of appreciation be written to the property owners of 226 Kitchener Street, thanking them for their generosity and community spirit in sharing their “Lady Cynthia” rhododendron with the community and the world.

d) HRAC Bylaw Update

R. Johnson suggested that HRAC Bylaw #1279 should be updated. Members were interested in reviewing the bylaw to determine whether updates were required. A. Davies will provide members with copies of the HRAC Bylaw and amendments. Members will discuss further at the next HRAC meeting.

e) Heritage Building Revitalization Awards

M. Sacht suggested that Ladysmith could develop a heritage building award program to recognize the investment in and revitalization of heritage buildings. Members will research options and will discuss further at the next meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission supports the creation of a heritage revitalization award in Ladysmith.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. UPDATES

a) St. John’s Anglican Church – 314 Buller Street

The new owners invited heritage representatives to tour the site at 314 Buller Street. M. Craig provided an overview of what was learned at the St. John’s Anglican Church site tour.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council approach the Archdiocese about retaining any of the stained glass windows not being utilized from St. John’s Anglican Church, especially those with local significance, and in the event that the building is demolished, that Council seek the retention of the steeple and bell.

b) Heritage BC Conference report

A. Davies and R. Johnson provided reports of their attendance at the Heritage BC conference in Victoria.

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Chair (M. Craig)

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Corporate Officer (J. Winter)