



MINUTES

Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission (HRAC)

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

- PRESENT:** Alternate Chair – Ann Rogers; Members – Jennifer Robinson, Tamara Hutchinson, Maureen Martin, Allen McDermid; LDHS Member – Bernardien Knol; Council Liaison - Councillor Duck Paterson; Staff Liaison & Recorder - Angela Vincent
- ABSENT:** Chair – Marnie Craig
- GUESTS:** Rita Balboni (President, Ladysmith Community Garden Society)
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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Agenda of May 19, 2015 be approved.

2. MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of March 17, 2015 be adopted.

3. COUNCIL REFERRALS/UPDATES

None.

4. SIGN/FAÇADE APPLICATIONS

a. Ladysmith Community Garden Society - 525 Second Avenue

HRAC members reviewed the proposed signage to be located at the northeast corner of the Community Garden. Rita Balboni, President of the Ladysmith Community Garden Society, reviewed design options for the signs. HRAC asked that the sign be vertically-oriented, with larger font and logos, and an additional border. R. Balboni agreed to the amendments.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission recommend the proposed signage as amended for the Ladysmith Community Garden Society at 525 Second Avenue.

b. Arbutus Coast Yachts - 410 First Avenue

HRAC members confirmed the approval of Arbutus Coast Yachts signage by email in April 2015, and provided formal support. Members also applauded the revitalization and installation of the historic “Ladysmith Trading Company” sign on the building façade.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission recommend the proposed signage for Arbutus Coast Yachts at 410 First Avenue.

c. The Worldly Gourmet Kitchen Store – 522 First Avenue

HRAC members confirmed the approval of the Worldly Gourmet Kitchen Store signage by email in May 2015, and provided formal support.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission recommend the proposed signage for the Worldly Gourmet Kitchen Store at 522 First Avenue.

5. HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATES

a. Heritage Inventory Update

Members continued the discussion regarding the Heritage Inventory Update, initiated at the March HRAC meeting, and provided the following information:

General Ideas and Updates

- The document is readable, enjoyable and doesn't require drastic changes
- The title "Heritage Inventory" is misleading. A more appropriate title should be created.
- Add missing commercial buildings from downtown (i.e. Morrison building, etc.)
- Add modern-era buildings (i.e. City Hall, post office)
- Eliminate specific current-day references to businesses occupying buildings
- Integrate further factual information from the Chronicle newspaper records
- First Nation history needs to be better represented
- More focus on early ethnic areas and diversity
- Keep demolished buildings in the document, alongside relevant existing buildings

Strengthen Residential Component

- Include information on the typical Ladysmith homes (i.e. miner's homes) and provide examples of various styles
- Additional "typical" home examples to be selected by consultant, with review by HRAC
- Discuss and represent the moving of buildings from Wellington and Extension to Ladysmith
- Discuss availability and payment for homes (i.e. Company houses?)
- Add special homes (i.e. nurse's residence, homes on north end of First Avenue?)

Style and Format Improvements

- Create index and easy to use internal links (also bibliography?)
- Integrate a map with number references
- Larger archival photos
- Use comparative "Then" and "Now" photos
- Design should be visually appealing (graphic designer)
- Format options (binding, printing, etc.) will be discussed and determined during project

This discussion summary will be used to develop the scope of the project and cost.

a. Aggie Hall Heritage Plaque

Members responded positively to a photo of the completed plaque and frame, as installed next to the front doors of Aggie Hall.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. UPDATES

A. McDermid discussed a new project underway at the Ladysmith & District Historical Society. A Facebook group, "If You Grew Up in Ladysmith", will be created to facilitate discussion and sharing of memories and photos of Ladysmith.

A. Vincent noted that the terms of some members are due to expire soon, and letters from Corporate Services regarding expiration and renewal will be received shortly.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, City Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Alternate Chair (A. Rogers)

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Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)