



MINUTES

Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission (HRAC)

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Harbour Heritage Centre, 610 Oyster Bay Drive

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- PRESENT:** Chair – Marnie Craig; Members – Ann Rogers, Tamara Hutchinson, Allen McDermid; Council Liaison – Mayor Aaron Stone; Staff Liaison & Recorder - Angela Vincent
- ABSENT:** Jennifer Robinson, Maureen Martin, LDHS Member – Bernardien Knol,
- GUESTS:** Shirley Blackstaff, Barry McDonald and Betty Pearson (Ladysmith Maritime 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 June 16, 2015 be approved.

2. MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of May 19, 2015 be adopted.

3. COUNCIL REFERRALS/UPDATES

Mayor Stone noted that the Town had applied for a Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program grant for the Comox Logging & Railway Machine Shop as part of the Sesquicentennial celebrations in 2017.

4. SIGN/FAÇADE APPLICATIONS

None.

5. HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATES

a. Transfer Beach Pictorial

A. Vincent provided a summary of the progress of the Transfer Beach Pictorial project, including the work by a graphic designer to create four interpretive boards with the following themes: introduction to Ladysmith history, industrial use of Transfer Beach, mining and forestry, and the transformation to a recreation space. Members appreciated the design concept and style. The pictorial is intended to be installed in September.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Joint Meeting with Ladysmith Heritage Groups

The Ladysmith & District Heritage Society (LDHS) initiated a mapping project to identify heritage locations with links to stories and photos, to be mapped on a cadastral map base, ideally GIS. LDHS feels there are opportunities to work closely with other local heritage interest groups to integrate the maps with tourism products (i.e. historic walking tour apps).

Staff have suggested that holding a joint meeting of HRAC, the Ladysmith Maritime Society and LDHS would be beneficial for sharing information and would provide an opportunity to update each other with projects or initiatives recently completed or in progress, and to increase communication, awareness and understanding. This would help to determine opportunities for collaboration and could set the stage for the heritage tourism mapping project. Members were very supportive of holding a joint meeting.

Members also discussed other opportunities for further collaboration and cohesion between heritage interest groups. It was suggested that invitations could be sent to heritage interest groups in Ladysmith to attend HRAC meetings (in addition to the LDHS, who provide a formal representative to attend HRAC meetings as per the HRAC Bylaw).

Whereas in the near future, it is the intent of Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission (HRAC) to discuss the potential for external liaison members in addition to Ladysmith & District Historical Society for information sharing and joint projects, therefore it was moved, seconded and carried that HRAC provide an invitation to the Ladysmith Maritime Society, the Heritage Preservation Group, and the Stz'uminus First Nation to attend HRAC meetings.

b. Tour of Harbour Heritage Centre and Transfer Beach Diorama

Ladysmith Maritime Society (LMS) members S. Blackstaff, B. McDonald, and B. Pearson provided an informative tour of the Harbour Heritage Centre, showcasing the industries of the Ladysmith harbour. The newest feature is a diorama/model of Transfer Beach depicting the large coal wharf in the early 1900s. HRAC members noted that the Transfer Beach Pictorial could reference the Harbour Heritage Centre and the wharf diorama in particular.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. UPDATES

The 2015 Heritage BC Conference will be held in Rossland in late September. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Members inquired about the recent updates to the Save-on-Gas station on First Avenue, and noted that the façade updates were beneficial to the entrance to the downtown. A. Vincent explained that the property is located outside of the Downtown Specified Area, and the Downtown Development Permit Guidelines applied to the project.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, City Hall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chair (M. Craig)

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Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)