



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Heritage Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Heritage Commission held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Meghan Lahti, Chair
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair
Dianna Brown
Laura Dick
Christopher Pope
Rebeca Salas
Joan Stuart (arrived at 7:08pm)

In Attendance

Jess Daniels – Policy Planner
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 HC21/008
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Storyboard Subcommittee Update

4.1 Storyboard Subcommittee

The Storyboard Subcommittee noted the following:

- The Subcommittee received a storyboard procedures email from staff which provides information on the storyboard process, from research to the final product;

- the Communications department requires photos of a certain quality standard, and there has been much interaction between the Subcommittee and Communications and Planning staff; and
- the Subcommittee will look for original pictures from the museum for the Mills storyboard and ensure that they are of sufficient quality and resolution.

Stone Marker Subcommittee Update

4.2 Stone Marker Subcommittee

The Stone Marker Subcommittee noted that a stone marker for Arthur White is still proceeding, and members will visit the museum to conduct research.

Indigenous Subcommittee Update

4.3 Indigenous Subcommittee

The Indigenous Subcommittee noted the following:

- a meeting was held with Tasha Faye Evans to discuss on the next step of the House Post project;
- the Subcommittee wants to ensure that the right communities are engaged, and that questions and kinks in the process can be worked out this month; and
- the Chair’s involvement would be critical to help drive the strategy forward.

OCP Update

4.4 Attachments:

- 2021 Heritage Commission Work Plan and Budget
- OCP – Chapter 11 – Heritage Conservation
- OCP – Map 3 – Heritage Conservation and Character Areas
- OCP – Appendix 3 – Ioco Townsite Heritage Conservation Area Guidelines

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The Policy Planner have a presentation on the OCP Update, noting the following:

- the OCP review project was launched in October 2020;
- visioning workshops were held in November and December 2020;
- the first community survey was sent out in January and February 2021, and community check-ins will be held in March and April to review the results of first community survey;
- the second community survey will be mailed out with property tax notices and to renters in mid-May and June to explore key themes, with the second community and committee check-ins scheduled for July and August;

- the third community survey is scheduled for Fall 2021 to consider land use scenarios;
- draft OCP updates are scheduled to be reviewed by Council in January 2022;
- the public will have an opportunity to comment on draft plan in February 2022;
- feedback from the first community survey included recommended changes to the 2014 OCP goal statements, such as removing “maintaining the ‘small town’ character of community” or replacing “small town” with other terms, and changing or removing references to “City of the Arts” and “heritage”;
- Chapter 11 of the OCP deals with Heritage Conservation, along with Appendix 3 (Ioco Townsite HCA guidelines) and Appendix 4 (Moody Centre HCA guidelines);
- the current OCP, which was adopted in 2014, does not include the current current heritage strategic plan; it will be included in OCP update;
- the process for updating heritage-related OCP content will include incorporate community feedback, Council directions, and updating Chapter 11;
- the Heritage Commission has been identified as a stakeholder, and engagement opportunities for this process will be ongoing; and
- Engage Port Moody, community surveys, and staff liaison updates are other avenues for participation.

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- the OCP update process provides ample opportunity for community input;
- diversity, inclusion, reconciliation, and indigenous heritage will need to be fundamental part of the rewrite of Chapter 11 of the OCP; ensure that there is engagement with First Nations;
- the value of heritage to the community should be acknowledged;
- the “City of the Arts” includes important pieces of heritage art in the City, and it can remain as a vision for the City;
- heritage should be considered inline with diversity, inclusion, and access considerations;
- heritage can be considered as collective practices, traditions, and material items; there is an opportunity for everyone in the community to become part of Port Moody’s heritage, which gains in importance as time passes;
- current considerations of heritage are dominated by white settler colonial history; the OCP update should

make clear that diversity and inclusion are important, and include information about other cultures that have also lived here;

- re-characterization from traditional colonial heritage could be an evolution of the concept of heritage; and
- include additional parts in Chapter 11 about Indigenous history.

The Policy Planner noted the following in response to the Commission's discussion:

- the second community survey can potentially provide the opportunity for respondents to identify as members of civic committees;
- local stakeholders groups have been included as stakeholders;
- the Indigenous Subcommittee could assist with providing and reviewing content for Indigenous history to be added to Chapter 11;
- the Commission can review the draft heritage chapter and provide input at that time;
- the third survey will focus in land use scenarios, and could be geared towards individual response as well;
- heritage is currently not a high priority in Council strategy plan and community vision; a strategy or plan is needed to put heritage as a higher priority, and to raise awareness about what it is and why it is important;
- a potential strategy for diversifying heritage could include leveraging media to raise awareness of the City's rich history; and
- the City has updated the Heritage Award to include pre-colonial history; the House Post project will also highlight Indigenous history.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 There were no staff updates.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.



Councillor Meghan Lahti,
Chair



Philip Lo,
Committee Coordinator