



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Heritage Commission

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

#### Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair  
Dianna Brown  
Laura Dick  
Christopher Pope  
Rebeca Salas

#### Absent

Councillor Meghan Lahti, Chair (Regrets)  
Joan Stuart (Regrets)

#### In Attendance

Jess Daniels – Policy Planner  
Christel Guenette, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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#### 1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

#### Minutes

2.1 HC21/013  
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED  
**THAT the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 be adopted.**

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#### 3. Unfinished Business

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#### 4. New Business

#### 2800 St. George Street – Marcon HRA – Utility Box Wraps Image Request

4.1 The Policy Planner provided an overview of the request to gather heritage-related photos for the utility box wraps, and the following was noted:

- photos will be sourced through museums and the City of Vancouver's library for a small fee, paid for by the developer;

- four utility boxes will be covered;
- the Commission will approve images to be used; and
- the deadline is undetermined, but it is anticipated that the images will be required by the fall.

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- unused photos from past projects could be utilized for this project;
- the heritage register may contain an image of the Martha Johnson Residence;
- images of the lumber mills, the old tennis courts and recreation centres, and the downtown area could be used for the wraps;
- photos that include people are preferred, similar to the image displayed on the side of Shoppers Drug Mart;
- images will highlight the green space within the neighbourhood, and include at least two historical photos; and
- images will be reviewed at the September 2021 Commission meeting.

**Action:** Dianna Brown and Laura Dick to locate heritage photos depicting St. George Street, the Johnston House, or Moody Centre.

## Storyboard Update

### 4.2 Storyboard Subcommittee a) Komagata Maru Storyboard

The Storyboard Subcommittee provided an update, and noted the following:

- expenses need to be allocated before the end of the fiscal year; the budget was carried over from the previous fiscal year;
- material is still being sourced for the Storyboards;
- other municipalities will be consulted to review how they completed their project;
- no specific design was provided to the City; however, consistency across the region is preferred;
- the Komagata Maru's connection to the City should be highlighted; South Asian individuals worked within the City's sawmills;
- research indicated that descendants of families affected by the incident still reside within Port Moody;
- the Commission is planning to work with the Heritage Society on the content of the Storyboards;
- previous City minutes provide connections to the incident and date back to 1914; minutes are available through the Legislative Services Division;

- the Port Moody Gazette and other newspapers provided additional information on the sawmills; and
- payroll records are available from the mill; however, early records only indicate ethnic descriptions and not names of people.

**Action:** The Policy Planner to follow-up with the Komagata Maru Society to seek content.

**Stone Marker Update** 4.3 Stone Marker Subcommittee

No updates were provided at this time.

**Indigenous Heritage Update** 4.4 Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee

The Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee noted that:

- COVID-19 restrictions limited the ability to plan activities;
- Council gave support to the Commission, which recognized pre-colonial history;
- funding was allocated for staff awareness training;
- Phase One of a multi-phase reconciliation project to develop actions around reconciliation, historical wrongs, and systemic inequity includes the request for proposal for an Indigenous Relations Consultant at the City;
- the Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee hopes to meet with the Indigenous Relations Consultant to discuss the scope of the Commission's involvement; and
- the Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee will reconnect with Tasha Evans on the next steps.
- the call to action by Council could open doors for the Subcommittee to continue its work; and
- funding opportunities may be available to advance truth and reconciliation.

The Policy Planner provided information on the scope of the Indigenous Relations Consultant, noting that the successful candidate will be experienced in Indigenous protocols and will assist the City in identifying actions to address reconciliation, historic wrongs, and systemic inequities.

## 5. Information

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**Staff Updates**

5.1 No updates were provided at this time.

**2021 Work Plan and Budget**


5.2 Attachment: 2021 Heritage Commission Work Plan and Budget  
File: 01-0360-20-09-01

This item was provided for information only.

6. Adjournment

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The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.



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Councillor Diana Dilworth,  
Vice-Chair



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Christel Guenette,  
Recording Secretary