



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 18, 2021
Submitted by: Heritage Commission
Subject: 2021 Annual Report – Heritage Commission

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2021 Heritage Commission.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT the report dated November 18, 2021 from the Heritage Commission regarding 2021 Annual Report – Heritage Commission be received for information;

AND THAT the 2022 Heritage Commission be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in spring 2022.

Committee Mandate

The mandate of the Heritage Commission is to act as an advisory body to Council on matters relating to Port Moody's natural and cultural heritage resources, including heritage buildings, sites, and neighbourhoods.

Meetings and Attendance

The Heritage Commission met monthly between January 2021 and November 2021, with the exception of August, due to summer break.

Councillor Meghan Lahti was appointed as Chair and Councillor Diana Dilworth as Vice-Chair for the 2021 term. The following members, representing organizations and the community-at-large, were appointed:

- Dianna Brown;
- Laura Dick;
- Emma O'Dea (from September 2021);
- Christopher Pope;
- Rebeca Salas; and
- Joan Stuart.

Jess Daniels, Policy Planner, served as the primary staff liaison to the Committee. Philip Lo, Jennifer Mills, and Esin Gozukara served as the Committee Coordinators.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2021 Heritage Commission Work Plan was approved by Council on March 9, 2021. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2021 by the Heritage Commission (a list of resolutions made in 2021, along with the status of the resolutions, is included in **Attachment 1**):

Wayfinding Signs

Staff provided an update on the Wayfinding Project at the March 2021 meeting as part of a partnership opportunity with the Tourism Committee to create Heritage themed wayfinding signs at Moody Centre Station/Clarke Street. The Manager of Economic Development will provide regular updates to the Commission on this project, and the Wayfinding Subcommittee will continue to be involved in the project going forward.

Art In Public Spaces Master Plan – Heritage Commission Feedback

At the February 11, 2021 meeting, the Manager of Cultural Services gave a presentation on the draft Art in Public Spaces Master Plan, including information on the Master Plan process and engagement opportunities. The Heritage Commission provided feedback on the draft plan.

100th Anniversary of 2021 Ioco Townsite

The Heritage Commission did not participate in the 100th Anniversary of the Ioco Townsite in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Storyboard and Stone Marker Program

The Heritage Commission supported a delegation request to create a Komagata Maru Storyboard. The Heritage Commission is also working on the Mills Storyboard, a carry over item from 2020. Research for an Arthur White stone marker was started in 2021.

Heritage App Development

Staff provided a presentation on the On This Spot app and the ESRI GIS-based mapping tool at the March 2021 meeting. Further exploration of these interactive tools could be included as a workplan item in 2022.

OCP Update

Staff provided an update on the OCP project at the May 2021 meeting, including information regarding the process, timeline, opportunities for engagement, and an overview of Heritage related OCP content. The Heritage Commission provided feedback on the project.

2021 Heritage BC Conference

Four members of Heritage Commission participated in the Heritage BC Conference, which was presented online over four weeks in May 2021. The topics of the conference included climate change, reconciliation, and intangible cultural heritage. Participating members provided a recap of the conference at the June 2021 meeting.

Community Outreach and Activities

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Heritage Commission did not undertake community outreach activities in 2021. Planning for community events and activities and developing promotional and engagement materials that can be easily transported to events can be revisited in the 2022 Work Plan.

Additions to Heritage Register

There were no additions to the Heritage Register in 2021.

Indigenous Heritage

The Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee applies a reconciliatory Indigenous lens to heritage preservation, particularly pre-colonial heritage. The Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee reviewed existing heritage stone markers for opportunities to showcase pre-colonial history and add companion pieces to existing signs where necessary.

At the Heritage Commission's May 2021 meeting, the Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee facilitated dialogue on meaningful redress and reconciliation. The Commission passed several recommendations regarding the City of Port Moody's historical relationship with Indigenous peoples and their lands. The Indigenous Heritage subcommittee's report was considered and supported by Council on June 22, 2021.

loco Ghost Town Day

The Heritage Commission did not have a booth a loco Ghost Town Days in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Heritage Award

An award recipient was not recommended by the Commission in 2021.

Heritage Week 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Heritage Commission did not participate in Heritage Week 2021. Planning for Heritage Week 2022 was underway in November 2021.

Utility Box Wraps

The Heritage Commission participated in photo and content selection for the utility box wraps at 2801 St. George Street as part of the Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

Outstanding Matters

- Mills Storyboard;
- Komagata Maru Storyboard;
- Arthur White Stone marker; and
- Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee resolutions (related consultant work underway).

Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2022.

- Johnston House Storyboard;
- Finalizing Komagata Maru Storyboard;
- Indigenous Heritage;
- Storyboard and Stone Marker Program;
- Community Outreach and Activities;
- Heritage Week 2022;
- Ioco Ghost Town Day 2022;
- 2021 Heritage BC Conference; and
- Heritage App Development.

Attachment

1. 2021 Heritage Commission Resolutions.

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