

# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Heritage Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Heritage Commission held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 via Zoom.

#### Present

Councillor Meghan Lahti – Chair  
Laurie Beckwith  
Dianna Brown  
Rebeca Salas  
Joan Stuart (arrived at 7:06pm)

#### Absent

Councillor Diana Dilworth – Vice-Chair

#### In Attendance

Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning  
Kelsey Guenette, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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#### 1. Call to Order

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

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#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

#### Minutes

2.1 HC22/011  
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED  
**THAT the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 be adopted.**

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#### 3. Unfinished Business

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#### 4. New Business

#### Storyboard Working Group Update

#### 4.1 Storyboard Working Group

The Storyboard Working Group noted that materials related to the Lumber and Shingle Mills of Port Moody Storyboard as well as the utility box wrap, would be delivered to the Manager of Policy Planning next week.

HC22/012

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Lumber and Shingle Mills Storyboard be located at Rocky Point Park on the pier railing of the lower walkway.**

In response to a question from the Commission, the Chair noted that the walkway was wide enough that the Storyboard would not disrupt pedestrian traffic.

**Community Stories  
Working Group  
Update**

4.2 Community Stories Working Group

The Community Stories Working Group noted the following:

- research was conducted on the On This Spot app and harmful narratives were discovered in some posts within the app;
- the producers of the app are exclusively Caucasian and almost entirely from the University of Victoria History Department, which may result in a one-dimensional viewpoint;
- there is a limited timeframe of posts, mainly from 1850-1920;
- the Commission should determine whether that impression affects company selection;
- an app would provide a unique opportunity to highlight a number of communities in Port Moody, such as Chinese Canadian, Black, and Japanese;
- most other apps available charge users for their service and some focus on a particular angle such as the paranormal, which may not be appropriate;
- there is an opportunity for an app to represent Port Moody's past, present, and future; and
- if ArcGIS Story Maps is not used in connection with an app that tracks statistics or via an external link/web address, there will be no visitor statistics available.

The Commission noted the following:

- past posts by the On This Spot app may reflect ideas that Port Moody should not be associated with;
- the Commission would have final review of posts; however, the concern is what is already available to the public;
- a Port Moody version of the ArcGIS Story Maps instead of an app could be used; and
- students living in Port Moody could be utilized during the summer to update and add to the story maps so that they could be responsive in real time.

The Chair noted the following:

- staff could request data from On This Spot related to the uptake of its service, as it would be a significant investment for Port Moody in terms of the historic budget;
- other app options could be explored; and
- the software itself is invaluable.

**Action:** Rebeca Salas to provide samples from the On This Spot app to the Commission at a future meeting.

**Action:** The Manager of Policy Planning to research the potential of a summer student position for ArcGIS Story Maps, in collaboration with Rebeca Salas, and report back to the Commission at the July meeting.

#### **2022 Heritage BC Conference Debrief**

- 4.3 Dianna Brown noted that she attended two sessions at the 2022 Heritage BC Conference, and that a debrief could be provided during the next Commission meeting.

It was noted that recordings of the sessions are available online for those who had registered for the Conference.

#### **Heritage Register Additions**

- 4.4 Mary De Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning

The Manager of Policy Planning provided an update regarding Heritage Register Additions, and the following was noted:

- the 2022 Heritage Commission Budget allows for one Statement of Significance to the Heritage Register;
- in reference to a pre-development discussion for a building on Clarke Street, the developer had proposed to move a heritage building into a courtyard; however, a formal application had not yet been received; and
- registered properties are flagged to the City immediately if interest is submitted by developers, who are also advised of the property's status.

The Commission viewed a public GIS map of registered heritage properties, municipally designated properties, and protected heritage properties.

**Action:** Dianna Brown to provide potential Heritage Register additions at the next Heritage Commission meeting.

#### **Community Outreach and Activities**

- 4.5 Mary De Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning

The Manager of Policy Planning provided an update about Community Outreach and Activities, and noted the following:

- the next loco Ghost Town Day is scheduled for September 17, 2022;
- a Heritage Commission tent is typically set up with reference materials and an interactive matching activity;
- a short questionnaire could be provided that includes questions regarding what heritage means to Port Moody residents and what residents would like the focus to be in the Heritage Strategic Plan; and
- the questionnaire could be offered on a sheet of paper that allows participants to read previous input in order to build off of ideas.

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- the event could be an opportunity to get to know the community and the heritage of residents; and
- the Farmers Market could also be an opportunity for heritage outreach with the community.

**Action:** The Manager of Policy Planning to contact the Farmers Market regarding community outreach and report back to the Commission at a future meeting.

## Heritage Strategic Plan Update

### 4.6 Mary De Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning

The Manager of Policy Planning provided an update regarding the Heritage Strategic Plan Update, and noted the following:

- work on a request for proposal (RFP) has begun;
- the Heritage Strategic Plan update will be informed by Port Moody's approach to truth and reconciliation;
- staff are awaiting recommendations to guide the process in terms of collaboration with First Nations;
- Port Moody will need to engage an Indigenous consultant to assist with writing the portion of the plan related to Indigenous history;
- the City's Research Assistant is assisting with beginning conversations with First Nations to understand how they would like to be involved early in the process;
- staff are currently in the process of scheduling a meeting with Tsleil-Waututh First Nation; and
- another update regarding Indigenous engagement will be provided at the next Heritage Commission meeting.

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- when inputting Indigenous relations into the search engine on the Port Moody website, there are articles

from the past that include outdated language and may be cause for harm;

- Port Moody articles should be assessed to remove harmful articles; and
- a future community outreach event that could be scheduled to accommodate the attendance of all Heritage Commission members could be considered.

In response to questions, the Manager of Policy Planning noted the following:

- the draft RFP may be complete in fall 2022, after collaboration with First Nations; and
- in person Heritage Commission meetings are not planned for the near future.

**Action:** The Manager of Policy Planning to follow up regarding the articles with outdated language and references regarding First Nations on the Port Moody website.

## 5. Information

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### Staff Updates

5.1 The Manager of Policy Planning provided an update about the Komagata Maru Storyboard, and the following was noted:

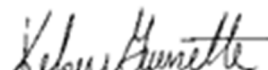
- the location for the Storyboard has been finalized and the sign is awaiting installation;
- an unveiling event will be planned and the Komagata Maru Society will be invited to attend; and
- an update about the installation timing will be provided at the next Heritage Commission meeting.

## 6. Adjournment

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

  
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Councillor Meghan Lahti,  
Chair

  
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Kelsey Guenette,  
Recording Secretary