



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Heritage Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Heritage Commission held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 via Zoom.

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Diana Dilworth – Vice-Chair Laurie Beckwith Dianna Brown Rebeca Salas
<b>Absent</b>	Councillor Meghan Lahti – Chair Joan Stuart
<b>In Attendance</b>	Jess Daniels – Policy Planner Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator

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1. Call to Order

**Call to Order**

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

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2. Adoption of Minutes

**Minutes**

2.1 HC22/019  
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED  
**THAT the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 be adopted.**

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3. Unfinished Business

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4. New Business

**Farmers Market Outreach**

4.1 Mary De Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning

The Manager of Policy Planning provided an update regarding Farmers Market Outreach and noted that staff and a member of the Commission attended the Port Moody Farmers Market on October 26, 2022, and despite the weather conditions, there were many visitors at the Market, and serious conversations

were had with several that stopped by the booth.

The Commission noted the following:

- learning about the activities and projects of other Heritage Commissions would be desirable;
- bringing in scholars and experts in the field to discuss and examine Port Moody's history and thinking about reconciliation would be positive; and
- crafting the questions asked to visitors coming to the Commission's table based on different aspects of heritage could be considered.

The Vice-Chair noted the following:

- stories of heritage in Port Moody are important, and unfortunately some storytellers have passed away recently;
- during Heritage Week in 2023, a table could be booked in the Farmers Market for the Commission;
- taking inspiration from Rose Kapp's Port Moody colouring pages, colouring pages of historical assets in the city could be created;
- joint meetings with Port Moody Heritage Society could be arranged; and
- Council has been moving forward with its efforts on reconciliation in partnership with local indigenous leaders.

## **GIS Stories Discussion**

### **4.2 Community Stories Working Group**

The Manager of Policy Planning noted the following:

- a report is submitted for Council's approval for the November 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting for the Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application for an ArcGIS StoryMaps project;
- considering the application window, a student could start working on the project as early as May, and a specific plan regarding the project would be beneficial;
- the MP could be notified of the project for further input and support; and
- there may be an opportunity for the City to provide a top up for the student's wage.

The Commission noted that for this project, a walking tour composed of diverse stories could be created by including several different areas of the city and select business owners.

The Vice-Chair noted that St. Johns Street, Clarke Street, industrial neighbourhoods, Andrés Wine site, and Pacific Coast Terminals could be included in the project, and collaboration with the Port Moody Heritage Society could be considered.

**loco Ghost Town Days Debrief**

4.3 Dianna Brown noted the following:

- the event was driven by a grant from the government, and the City was not involved this year;
- there were a few logistical and financial challenges, and insurance coverage details had to be sorted out for vendors;
- for future events, Sundays could work better to ensure participation;
- since all food for this type of an event has to be prepared in a commercial kitchen, some vendors who participated in the past, were not able to participate this year; and
- bigger tents require an engineer's approval for set up, and the budget did not allow for the approval expense so smaller tents were used for some vendors.

The Vice-Chair noted that it is rather difficult for non-profits to pay for the engineer's approval, and special event insurance could be further discussed with the City.

The Manager of Policy Planning noted that the Commission's booth had many visitors, the event was successful, an opportunity to win a gift basket proved to be popular, and good conversations about heritage were had with the visitors.

**2023 Heritage Week Planning**

4.4 The Policy Planner noted that the Heritage Week is taking place on the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the theme is Always in All Ways.

The Commission noted that this issue could be further discussed in an upcoming meeting to determine how and in what ways the Commission members can be part of the 2023 Heritage Week.

**Heritage Strategic Plan Update**

4.5 Mary De Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning

The Manager of Policy Planning provided an update regarding Heritage Strategic Plan and noted that the next Heritage Strategic Plan will be a departure from the current one in terms of its approach to colonial heritage, the scope of the project for the Plan update is being finalized, and the Commission could provide input regarding this process and the contents of the Plan.

The Commission noted the following:

- a City archive could be established and maintained;
- the Port Moody Station Museum investigated the option of establishing an archive, but it did not come to fruition;
- since it is the obligation of the City to keep and maintain records, it is appropriate for the City to plan to create an archive; and
- financial assistance and/or grant opportunities could be pursued for the archive.

The Vice-Chair noted that a new Council Strategic Plan is scheduled to come out in early 2023, and some direction regarding heritage may be included the Plan. The Vice-Chair also noted that an archivist could be brought in to establish the City archive, and the MP and MLA could be included in this effort to assist with the funding and research.

## 5. Information

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### Staff Updates

5.1 The Manager of Policy Planning noted that the following:

- the Official Community Plan (OCP) Update is ongoing, and the current focus is on the integration of the Climate Action Plan directions;
- the next engagement opportunity for the OCP Update is scheduled for early 2023 with more interactive sessions and group discussions on specific topic areas; and
- the Communications and Engagement Department is currently working on the Mills Storyboard; and
- work on utility box wraps is underway.

The Policy Planner noted that the unveiling of the Komagata Maru Storyboard at Rocky Point Park is scheduled for November 9, 2022.

## 6. Adjournment

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.



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Councillor Diana Dilworth,  
Vice-Chair



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Esin Gozukara,  
Committee Coordinator