



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 3, 2020
Submitted by: Heritage Commission
Subject: 2020 Annual Report – Heritage Commission

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2020 Heritage Commission.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT the report dated November 3, 2020 from the Heritage Commission regarding 2020 Annual Report – Heritage Commission be received for information;

AND THAT the 2021 Heritage Commission be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual work plan in spring 2021.

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 2020 and November 2020, with the exception of April, due to COVID-19, and July and October, due to cancellation by the Chair.

Councillor Diana Dilworth was appointed as Chair and Councillor Meghan Lahti as Vice-Chair for the 2020 term. The following members, representing organizations and the community-at-large, were appointed:

- Dianna Brown;
- Laura Dick;
- Christopher Pope;
- Joan Stuart; and
- Carnell Turton.

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

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2020 Heritage Commission Work Plan was approved by Council on April 14, 2020. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2020 by the Heritage Commission:

Storyboard and Stone Marker Program

The development of the Mills storyboard carried over from the 2019 work plan and budget is currently under way. A storyboard and stone marker in 2020 were not completed.

Indigenous Heritage

An Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee was formed to support the Welcome Post Project in June 2020 (which was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic). The Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee formalized a scope of work for 2021 which includes an inventory of the language used in stone markers, storyboards, and other heritage program productions. This reconciliatory approach is intended to ensure that previous and future projects consider and appropriately represent pre-colonial heritage in the Commission's activities and products.

Wayfinding Signs

Supporting the creation of wayfinding signs in a partnership with the Tourism Committee is currently under way.

Heritage BC Conference

The Heritage BC Conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Heritage Commission members had the opportunity to participate in some virtual courses and workshops provided by Heritage BC.

Community Outreach and Activities

Planning for community events and activities, developing promotional/engagement materials was not completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is recommended that the Commission consider opportunities for alternative virtual engagement as part of the work plan for community outreach and activities in 2021.

Statement of Significance

A Statement of Significance was completed by a consultant for 2333 Clarke Street to evaluate the historical significance of the building to support adding this building to the Heritage Register. Council added the property to Heritage Register on October 13, 2020 by resolution RC20/369.

Heritage App Development

The Heritage Commission considered a presentation by staff regarding the "On This Spot" Heritage app and passed a resolution (HC20/003) to support premium pricing to move forward with the app. The Tourism Committee is taking the lead to establish "On This Spot" in the City and the Heritage Commission determined it will act in a supporting role to select/review content including photos, stories, and facts.

loco Ghost Town Day

loco Ghost Town Day was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Heritage Award

The Heritage Commission considered nominations for the Heritage Award and selected the nominee for their contributions to heritage in the community.

100th Anniversary of 2021 loco Townsite

Planning for a physical event in 2021 for the 100th anniversary of loco Townsite is currently on hold due to uncertainties with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission may wish to consider planning an alternative virtual event as part of its work plan in 2021.

Heritage Week 2021

Heritage Week was held on February 23, 2020 at the Station Museum and included a photo booth with Olympic props, the tile game, and storyboards.

Heritage Grants and Incentives

Work was not completed on heritage grants and incentives in 2020. Heritage grants and incentives is a recommended focus of work in 2021.

Clarke Street Revitalization Plan

The Heritage Commission provided input into the Clarke Street Revitalization plan from a Heritage lens as updates were provided from Manager of Economic Development on January 16, 2020.

Outstanding Matters

- Mills Storyboard (2019).

Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council's direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2021.

- Heritage Grants and Incentives;
- Virtual opportunities as necessary to support Heritage Week 2021, Heritage BC Conference, 100th anniversary of the loco Town site, and Community Outreach and Activities;
- On This Spot App – consider if more appropriate during COVID-19 or for another committee such as Arts and Culture; and
- development of an inventory of heritage language to consider precolonial and indigenous language, and continued support for indigenous initiatives in the community.

Attachment

1. 2020 Heritage Commission Resolutions.

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