



MINUTES
OAK BAY HERITAGE COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 AT 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL HALL, 2167 OAK BAY AVENUE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marion Cumming
Jane Hall
Susan Ross

Bronwyn Taylor
Pat Wilson
Councillor Esther Paterson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Heagle
Robert Taylor
Cora Smith

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Jensen, Manager of Planning
Bruce Anderson, Director of Building and Planning
Warren Jones, Director of Corporate Services
Krista Mitchell, Building / Planning Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Members of the Public: 3

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from April 9, 2019 be adopted.

The motion was carried.
None opposed.

3. Approval of Agenda and Late Items

The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of an update of the community greenspace heritage project as 4(a), and the Fenwick Lansdowne studio as 6(c).

4. Old Business

a) Community Greenspace Heritage Project

J. Hall gave a summary of the greenspace project reporting that an inventory is being collected that includes data on parks, shorelines and zoning.

B. Anderson commented that some rights of way are not intended for public trails as they are preserved for future use, for example, stormwater systems.

5. New Business

a) Committee Review Process – Heritage Commission

W. Jones advised the committees review process is underway with Council approving the terms of reference for the project, noting that there will be a full engagement process and phase one will be to gather information and take that back to Council. He noted Council has a strategic plan and it is important to have volunteer committees that support accomplishing the objectives of the strategic plan.

6. Information Items

a) Council Liaison

E. Paterson reported that she attended the BC Heritage Conference in Nanaimo, with some of the key points from the conference being:

- Heritage is tied to land and needs to be inclusive to all peoples heritage.
- Heritage matters to the community and there needs to be greater representation of heritage in addition to the expert voices.
- Need to consider impact of climate change and how it impacts heritage.
- Heritage Conservation Act and parts of the Local Government Act are outdated.
- Oak Bay heritage conservation area work was recognized for good job in community.

b) Community Register / Designation

P. Wilson noted she met with the designer of 2970 Rutland Road and advised him the proposed works were about the façade, with not enough of the house being retained and therefore losing the heritage value. She also noted she attended a neighbourhood presentation of a revised proposal for 1561 York Place.

c) Education

J. Hall advised the Oak Bay Heritage Foundation is supporting, in principle, the recognition of artist Fenwick Lansdowne, noting the Lansdowne home is on the Heritage Register and the house, used as an artist studio, may be relocated from the site. Commission members noted the Lansdowne building may be located within the proposed heritage conservation area and sited in a green space location. Other events include:

- Heritage lecture with architect Terry Williams was well attended.
- July 20, 2019 is the Scavenger Hunt at Municipal Hall.
- September 2019 lecture speaker is still being confirmed.
- October lecture will be “St Patrick Street” with Robert Taylor and Janet Morningstar.
- May 25, 2019 heritage walk will be led by Robert Taylor.

d) Tourism

M. Cumming reported that she has not recently been invited to attend a Tourism meeting.

e) Planning

D. Jensen advised the community amenity contribution policy has been approved by Council, which would affect rezoning applications where community amenities would be allocated as set out in the contribution policy as per negotiations with the applicant on the base target fees. She noted this policy does not apply to heritage applications.

7. Next Meeting

J. Hall will attend the next meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission.

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Municipal Hall.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.