

**City of Chilliwack**  
**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 – 9:00 am**  
**DOGWOOD ROOM - CITY HALL**

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**Council Members:**

Councillor Sue Knott, Chair  
Councillor Bud Mercer, Vice-Chair

**Heritage Advisory Committee:**

Ray Ramey, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association  
Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society  
Jon Kinneman, Algra Brothers Developments  
Kathryn Bourdon, Community Member  
Laura Reid, Community Member  
Tristan Evans, Community Member (Chilliwack Museum)

**City Staff:**

Karen Stanton, Manager of Long Range Planning  
Darrell Lindhout, Senior Operations Technician  
Carol Marleau, Manager of Recreation Services and Corporate Wellness  
Sharel Isabella, Planner III  
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

**Guest:**

Donald Luxton, Senior Cultural Heritage Advisor Donald Luxton & Associates Inc.

**Regrets:**

Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre  
David Blain, Director of Planning and Engineering

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved /       )   That the Agenda for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday,  
Seconded     (   January 29, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved /       )   That the Minutes for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Monday,  
Seconded     (   November 13, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATION

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

**1. Heritage Images – Electrical Kiosk Wraps**

As part of the hydro kiosk wrapping program, Council has approved the wrapping of six BC Hydro kiosks with heritage photographs. Potential photos have been provided by Tristan Evans, Chilliwack Museum and Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society, for the Committee’s consideration and recommendation to Council.

Tristan Evans presented a variety of photos relevant to the history of each of the six kiosk locations along with available background information on each of the photos. Jim Harris also provided background information on various military photos he provided.

Darrell Lindhout, Senior Operations Technician informed the Committee of the following criteria required by BC Hydro for kiosk wrapping:

1. written consent/authorization
2. no clear/recognizable facial images
3. prefers no business names

BC Hydro suggests graphics which can be seen from a distance, that do not have large white spaces which can attract vandalism. The kiosk boxes vary in size and some of the chosen photos may be repeated on all sides of one box in order to best display the image.

It was suggested that the Committee provide a recommendation for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for each of the six kiosk locations, to avoid a time delay in the event that a given image was not useable. The Committee’s recommendations are as follows:

**45845 Wellington Avenue**

1. Strand Theatre [1928]
2. Girls on Wellington [ca. 1904]
3. Wellington Avenue looking toward Five Corners, from Cooke’s Presbyterian Church spire [ca. 1892]

**43990 Progress Way**

1. Ts’elxéyeqw First Nation Woman in Canoe
2. Evans Cabin
3. Atchelitz Union Gas Station and General Store [ca. 1940’s]

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS (continued)

**Heritage Images – Electrical Kiosk Wraps (continued)**

**42285 Yarrow Central Road**

1. Sumas Lake view (two ladies in foreground) [ca. 1900 – 1910] in combination with photo of Row of tractors line on the floor of the former Sumas Lake, after its draining. Both of these photos to be used on one kiosk.
2. Row of tractors line on the floor of the former Sumas Lake, after its draining
3. Yarrow Flood [1948]

Donald Luxton, Consultant, joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

**45967 Railway Avenue**

1. City Hall – with military soldiers
2. Panoramic view of Chilliwack seen from roof of BCER Substation on Young Road [1915]
3. Front View of the Chilliwack Municipal Hall on Alexander Avenue [ca. 1950's]

Carol Marleau left the meeting at 9:54 am.

**7455 Vedder Road**

1. Front view of General Store Sardis Post-Office [1900]
2. Skowkale Longhouse [1890's]
3. Skowkale Church on Chilliwack River Road

**45771 Yale Road**

1. Chinatown area of Chilliwack during the 1948 Flood
2. View of Model Motel in Glendale area during the 1948 Flood
3. Aerial View of Fraser Valley Frosted Foods plant during flood of 1948

Once the photos are approved by Council, they will be forwarded to BC Hydro for final approval. An approximate timeline from start to finish for the project is estimated at six months. The months of May and June are best months temperature and weather-wise for application of the wraps. Discussion ensued regarding a cataloging process of the photos; staff noted a notation referencing the photo can be superimposed on to a small corner of the kiosk. This speaks to the photo being historically accurate and archived, and is a way for the public to obtain information on a particular photo.

Moved / ) That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend their first-choice photo selections for  
Seconded ( six kiosks, as presented, for the properties located at 45845 Wellington Avenue, 43990  
Progress Way, 42285 Yarrow Central Road, 45967 Railway Avenue, 7455 Vedder Road, and  
45771 Yale Road.

Carried unanimously

Darrell Lindhout left the meeting at 10:07 am. The Committee recessed at 10:07 am and returned at 10:12 am.

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS (continued)

**Heritage Strategic Action Plan – Engagement Summary and Strategic Directions**

**Engagement Summary**

Donald Luxton, Heritage Consultant, provided an update regarding the Heritage Strategic Action Plan (HSAP) and discussed the engagement process including:

- On-line survey
- Stakeholder interviews including community members, development industry representatives, Tourism representatives and the general public
- Telephone interviews
- Written comments
- Personal interviews (one-on-one)
- Presentation to Heritage Chilliwack

There will be further targeted engagement moving forward regarding recommendations.

Vice-Chair Mercer left the meeting at 10:30 am.

**Online Heritage Survey Results**

There was broad agreement on what is considered significant heritage conservation such as historic communities, rural and agricultural character, country roads, cultural traditions and practices, shared stories of our past, public art, the identity of Chilliwack, are all components for a heritage program.

How to Get There:

- create a Chilliwack-specific definition of heritage
- Identify significant rural / agricultural sites / cultural landscapes
- make heritage information available on-line
- make heritage information available in public spaces such as roadside heritage markers and vinyl wraps
- working with First Nations and Indigenous organizations
- identifying neighborhood heritage resources

What do we need to achieve this?

- heritage conservation incentives for heritage sites
- heritage education and awareness
- links between heritage conservation and economic development
- links between heritage conservation and sustainability
- clear definition of heritage in the context of Chilliwack

**5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

General Agreement on the following:

- improve information/communication (update the heritage inventory)
- broaden definition of heritage beyond buildings
- include Indigenous heritage
- necessity for information on-line/digital
- celebrate intangible history / our shared community history
- Clarify the planning process (develop a 'Heritage Toolkit')
- Understand needs of development community
- Links between climate crisis, sustainability, buildings more energy efficient
- Tourism initiatives promoting festivals
- Develop community partnerships to achieve similar goals

Next Steps

- HSAP first draft – options on how we achieve these broader goals
- further stakeholder engagement, including Stó:lō nation
- targeted engagement with community
- submit HSAP final draft/ review process
- submit final report
- Council presentation

A query was raised regarding whether there will be input from First Nations communities; staff noted Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre, has provided leads in terms of items to be considered for the HSAP. In terms of text and their language around First Nations history, staff will consult directly with the First Nations communities, as was done in the development of the 2040 Official Community Plan (OCP).

A query with respect to whether military heritage will be included in the HSAP; Donald Luxton noted military history is important and there is currently a lack of recognition of military history and sites in the heritage inventory. Chair Knott also noted agriculture and immigration are both important pieces of Chilliwack's history.

**6. NEW BUSINESS****Road Naming Policy – Introduction**

Karen Stanton, Manager of Long Range Planning, provided a brief introduction to the Road Naming Policy Directive No. G-1 which was established in 1997. It is used by the Land Development Department as suggestions for new road names when new developments occur. The City of Chilliwack does not have many new roads being created; however, written suggestions have been received from the public over the past year and staff would like to bring the policy to this committee for suggestions and updating. Discussion ensued regarding duplicated names from area to area which create challenges for first responders.

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

The Road Naming Policy will be forwarded to the Committee ahead of the next Heritage Advisory Committee meeting and any suggested names will be brought forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

A query was raised regarding the rationale for the naming of Central Community Park and the previous name of Happy Wilkinson Park; staff will look into this further.

7. INFORMATION

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/ ) There being no further business, the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting adjourned  
Seconded ( at 10:42 am.

Carried unanimously

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be scheduled in March.

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Councillor Sue Knott, Chair