

City of Chilliwack
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 – 3:00 pm
Dogwood Room

Council Members:

Councillor Nicole Read, Chair

Heritage Advisory Committee:

Ray Ramey, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association
Tristan Evans, Community Member (Chilliwack Museum)
Carlye Jones, Realtor
Allison Colthorp, Executive Director, Tourism Chilliwack
Brian Burr, Richlane Builders
Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre

City Staff:

Reuben Koole, Manager of Long Range Planning
Gillian Villeneuve, Director of Planning
Madelaine Peters, Senior Planner
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Vice-Chair
Krista Butt, Heritage Chilliwack Society, President
Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society

Guests:

Hugh McLean, Consultant, McLean Heritage Planning and Consulting
Susan Medville, Consultant, Mountain Heritage Consulting
Ruth Jackson, Member of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Read was Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm and provided territorial acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday,
Seconded (December 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday,
Seconded (September 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATION

Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre, joined the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Ruth Jackson, a member of the public, joined the meeting at 3:09 pm.

1. Heritage Interest Inventory Draft Report

Hugh McLean, McLean Heritage Planning and Consulting and Susan Medville, Mountain Heritage Consulting, were in attendance to provide a presentation of findings with respect to the Heritage Interest Inventory Update Draft Report (Inventory) and an overview of the Thematic Framework.

Through continued field review, the consultants gave an update of the progress and findings of their research, evaluation and field reviews to determine which sites have sufficient integrity to remain on the Inventory.

Using direction from the Heritage Strategic Action Plan (HSAP), the updated Heritage Interest Inventory provides a base for staff to proceed to the next HSAP key strategic directions, which includes creating a community heritage register, enhancing heritage planning through enacting other heritage policy initiatives, and creating the heritage conservation area.

The Inventory included an updated list of 92 heritage resources, with the report addressing the following topics:

- Background Preparation
- Site Verification
- Integrity and Authenticity
- Revised Number of Sites
- Evaluation Criteria
 - 1991 Heritage Evaluation
 - Updated Criteria – Values-Based Approach
- Updated Heritage Interest Inventory
- Thematic Framework

Staff followed the consultant’s presentation with a description of the anticipated 2024 work plan, continuing the implementation of the HSAP. The work will include preparing a Community Heritage Register and beginning a Thematic Framework process.

Moved /) That the Heritage Advisory Committee supports the Heritage Interest Inventory Report
Seconded (and recommends Council endorse the Updated Inventory.

Carried unanimously

Chair Read thanked the consultants for the informative presentation.

Hugh McLean and Susan Medville left the meeting at 3:40 pm.

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

1. HSAP Dashboard

The Heritage Dashboard was provided for information. The committee members gave the following roundtable updates:

R. Ramey noted he has been President of the Atchelitz Threshermen’s Association for the past seven years and has just been re-elected as President for 2024. He mentioned the ATA is currently considering an opportunity to work on a project ‘blast or past’ to restore it to its original condition. He also noted the ‘Blacksmith Shed’ which is situated at the Atchelitz Threshermen’s Village is a building listed on the Heritage Inventory List.

Dr. D. Schaepe provided comment with respect to how heritage continues to evolve, particularly within the surrounding environments. He suggested there is still work to be done regarding land use planning and the promotion of conservation, heritage and environmental areas.

B. Burr expressed his thanks for being a part of the Heritage Action Plan and looks forward to seeing how the inventory evolves as the process moves forward and how it will affect long range land use plans.

T. Evans noted the Chilliwack Museum is finalizing their Strategic Action Plan for 2024 – 2028. Two current exhibits include ‘Sparked: Moved to Action’ which ends January 27, 2024, and the Community Art Show which ends on December 23, 2023. An upcoming exhibit begins on January 18, 2024, in partnership with Chilliwack Society for Community Living called Our Journey for Inclusion: 70 Years of Innovation. The Chilliwack Museum is also partnering with the Chilliwack Spinners and Weavers for an exhibit called Woven Together which runs from February 15 – June 8, 2024.

C. Jones has been looking into the Real Estate Foundation for funding opportunities for 2024 and has suggested the committee apply for funding for signage for the Heritage Walking Tour. She welcomed any other suggestions.

A. Colthorp provided comment with respect to public engagement and suggested identifying what the Heritage Inventory List currently includes. A heritage walking tour has not taken place in some time; Tourism Chilliwack would be pleased for an opportunity to partner again with the Heritage Chilliwack Society to host another walking tour, perhaps with a digital brochure. She commended District 1881 which has its own Culture and History Trail where you can scan QR codes to learn about historic buildings and Indigenous history. It was suggested more QR codes on heritage buildings in the downtown core would be a great addition of historical information at the community’s fingertips while being more sustainable and green. Experience the Fraser is another long-term project which will eventually connect Hope to the Salish Sea (Steveston) along the Fraser River.

Chair Read thanked the Committee for their valuable input.

2. 2024 Meeting Schedule

The 2024 Meeting Schedule was provided for information.

1. NEW BUSINESS

2. INFORMATION

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024 in the Dogwood Room.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/) There being no further business, the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting adjourned
Seconded (at 3:56 pm.

Carried unanimously



Councillor Nicole Read, Chair