

The Corporation of the **City of North Vancouver**
Regular meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission
Conference Room 'A', City Hall, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Kevin Healy, Vice Chair
Allan Molyneaux
Ali Shakarchi, Architect
Marian Wilkins

GUESTS:

STAFF:

Christopher Wilkinson, Planner
Tanis Huckell, Committee Clerk

ABSENT:

Larissa Grierson, Chair
Linda Buchanan, Councillor
Harvinder Johal

Quorum = 4

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by the Vice-Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of September 13, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

2. UPDATES

a) **STAFF**

• **910 Grand Boulevard**

C. Wilkinson confirmed that the rezoning application is proceeding. The second Open House was held in the third week of September and there were supportive conversations. The project will hopefully move forward to Council by the end of October for introduction and first reading of the related bylaw.

• **Heritage Alteration Permits**

101 Lonsdale has been approved to have additional vents on the west side, and a small air intake on the portion of the building that fronts Lonsdale. Also, the restoration works for the BC Tel Building at 117 West 1st Street are near completion.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Nominations for Provincial Heritage Award

C. Wilkinson spoke regarding Heritage BC, the provincial body that manages heritage throughout the province. Each year they have provincial heritage awards. Some excerpts were included in the agenda package, in an attempt to generate discussion regarding whether the Commission would like to nominate a project for the 2017 awards. Projects that HAC has considered in the past year, or individuals who have voluntarily protected heritage buildings, are eligible for nomination. A volunteer would be needed to spearhead this process; the deadline is next month.

Questions / Comments from the Commission:

- Is there a requirement for a project to have been started or finished within a particular timeframe?
 - They appear to be pretty accepting of projects at different points in time though should have been completed in the past three years.
- The 1753 Grand Boulevard project is appealing; it has a good story to it (the family voluntarily stepped forward to protect the house, and rezoned to permit a new home to be constructed to the rear; likely lost some value in the property as opposed to maximizing their profit in selling).
- Nominations could come from a number of sources (HAC, owners, contractors); anyone who's willing to put together a package.
- Dick Lazenby has spent countless hours gathering historical material that is stored at the North Vancouver Museum and Archives; possibly a Distinguished Service Award? Could be a joint nomination with the North Vancouver Museum and Archives.
- Ultimately agreed that A. Molyneaux would look into a nomination for Dick Lazenby prior to the next meeting, and K. Healy would look into the 1753 Grand Boulevard project.

b) Heritage Conservation Incentives

C. Wilkinson reviewed the Heritage Conservation Incentives that were included in the agenda package, comparing various incentives that a number of different municipalities offer. This discussion is intended to provide an update and respond to questions; C. Wilkinson will report back to the Commission next month with a more complete package. At that point staff would hope for a resolution to consider or not consider incentives.

c) 424 East 3rd Street

The group considered K. Healy's draft letter regarding the covenant removal at 424 East 3rd Street.

Questions / Comments from the Commission:

- One of the main concerns: the original heritage designation process required months to consider and included public notification, but one meeting of Council to rescind.
- It was pointed out that a Heritage Designation Bylaw is stronger than a covenant. A bylaw has to go through multiple readings, and takes longer to repeal.

- Additional concern is the precedent that this may have set regarding protected heritage buildings. Perhaps there should be disincentives to remove other covenants.
- Ultimately agreed that the Commission will continue to discuss, and revisit next meeting (Councillor Buchanan may be able to provide input regarding Council's decision).

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

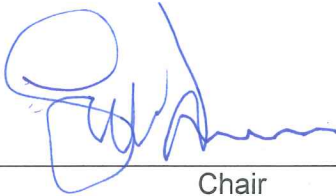
None.

5. **INFORMATION**

K. Healy will not be able to attend the November 8th meeting. A date of November 22nd was tentatively scheduled but E. Barker will canvas the group for availability for a different meeting date in November.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Chair



Date