



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A,
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on June 13, 2023 at 6:00p.m.

The City of North Vancouver respectfully acknowledges that this meeting is held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

<p><u>Members Present</u> Chris Wilkinson, Chair Michaela Balkova, Architect Chris Carnovale Ali Nayeri Christine Wilson Councillor S. Shahriari <u>Absent</u> Kate O'Donnell</p>	<p><u>Staff Present</u> Christa Bulman, Committee and Records Clerk Emma Chow, Planner 2 <u>Guest</u> Raye Lee, Member, North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club</p>
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The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for June 13, 2023 was adopted as circulated.

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2023 were approved as circulated.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor S. Shahriari added introduction of Heritage Advisory Commission to the agenda. Members went around the table introducing themselves at 6:08pm.

4. **NORTH VANCOUVER LAWN BOWLING CLUB**

R. Lee, Member, North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, joined the meeting at 6:12pm.

C. Wilkinson explained the purpose of the Heritage Advisory Commission regarding the Commissions role and procedure.

R. Lee, Member, North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, presented the following highlights regarding the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club's interest in receiving a 'historical designation' classification after reaching its Centennial anniversary.

4. NORTH VANCOUVER LAWN BOWLING CLUB – Continued

- Club members volunteer for all events and programs and have successfully raised \$150,000 for the hospital and have funded bowling events for elementary students. As the community work continues, the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club's new website showcases pictures, events, and contact information. Historical details date back to 1923.
- The club attributes its success to the dedicated members who participate with young individuals in lawn bowling sessions three nights a week, giving them the opportunity to experience the sport.
- The centennial celebration has attracted numerous people, including those interested in darts and cribbage.
- The lawn bowling club holds its own unique historical significance and aims to preserve and protect the club through historical designation. Without official recognition, these sites may be vulnerable to future threats arising from policy changes or lease arrangements.
- The club has been functioning as a sports club since 1923. Currently, only one lawn bowling club in Vancouver is registered, and the aim is to designate it as a cultural historical site. In 2020, the club relocated from its original site, with the support of the city, new rural certified artificial greens were constructed at its new location.

Emma Chow further presented the following highlights:

- The club aims to shift the heritage paradigm and expand the scope of heritage registers to encompass cultural practices and clubs. However, staff could not find any applicable precedents. NVLBC consulted Heritage BC, however no guidance could be offered by them, since this is one-of-a-kind case. Nonetheless, Heritage BC, acknowledged the uniqueness of the situation and expressed interest in being kept informed about the process and outcome of the club's efforts.
- Under the current rules, heritage registers can only record a real, physical building. This case involves a social practice rather than a physical structure. As per legal advice, the council or municipality can still acknowledge the heritage value of other things, such as cultural aspects, through heritage plaques, even without formal registration on the heritage register.

Members presented the following notable questions and comments:

- Current number of club members is 290 members.
- At least half of the clubs members are from North Vancouver, and the club has the capacity to manage more members.
- Members will not be asked to contribute towards the new lawn bowling club.
- Lawn bowling clubs and historical association with racial segregation.
- Building and expected time for the construction of the clubhouse to display heritage cups, trophies, and awards.
- Professionally managed club, with president, vice-president, finance team, among other roles. Fundraising to be done through the rentals of clean shoes for participation.
- In 2017, lawn bowling clubs made Heritage Vancouver's top 10 watch list, reflecting their cultural significance. Terminal Lawn City Bowling Club (1934) is on the register, and 6 others are recommended.

4. NORTH VANCOUVER LAWN BOWLING CLUB – Continued

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission, having reviewed the presentation from Raye Lee, NVLBC Member, requesting the Heritage Designation of the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, supports the project and recommends:

- THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission commends and appreciates the presentation from the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club and applauds the club and volunteer staff for initiating the conversation on the recognition, celebration and preservation of cultural practices and social history of the community;
- THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission recognizes that the current heritage conservation legislation does not accommodate the addition of intangible heritage resources to official municipal heritage registers;
- THAT through the ongoing review of the heritage program the City expand the ways to recognize intangible heritage values;
- AND FURTHER, that the Heritage Advisory Commission having reviewed the presentation from the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, supports the recognition of the club's Centennial and its contribution to its community through a heritage plaque.

Carried Unanimously

R. Lee, Member, North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, left the meeting at 7:14pm.

5. HERITAGE AWARDS PROGRAM

E. Chow, Planner 2, presented the following updates:

- Need to update the awards program forms with a new deadline for 2024.
- Request to consolidate HAC award program forms into one document; nominations require for appointing others.
- Fall deadline to be October.
- Include intangible heritage as a category, and the theme for this year could be non-tangible recognitions.
- Heritage BC is keen to engage with local governments, limited funding for empowering municipal to implement heritage programs. It also lacks staff for direct municipal assistance, so lobbying and clarifying needs with the province would aid municipalities in this regard.
- An opportunity to invite *Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish)* and *Səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)* Nations to participate in the nominations.

6. STAFF UPDATES

- The Heritage Plaques have been printed and installed; half were self-installed, half asked for help. One plaque went to Bowen Island for the relocated Schiplo Residence, and another to the Peers Residence on East 3rd, which is currently pending installation due to recent sale of the property; connecting with the new owner by the end of the month.

6. STAFF UPDATES – Continued

- Council is not currently considering new policies for development incentives for heritage conservation. They are configuring themselves, and it's anticipated that they will examine the matter sometime this year.

C. Wilkinson added that Culture Compass has received recognition from Heritage BC.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023.

8. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Chris Wilkinson, Chair