

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, February 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Larissa Grierson, Chair
Allan Molyneaux
Ali Shakarchi, Architect (arrived 6 pm)
Marian Wilkins

ABSENT:

Linda Buchanan, Councillor
Kevin Healy, Vice Chair

GUESTS:

STAFF:

Christopher Wilkinson, Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

Quorum = 4

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chair with the addition to the agenda of the finalization of the letter regarding 424 East 3rd Street.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of November 22, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

It was unanimously agreed to defer the elections to the March meeting as we will have a new member appointed by then.

b) Heritage Tax Credit Bill

C. Wilkinson advised the Commission about Bill C-323, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Rehabilitation of Historic Property)*. This Bill was tabled by a Member of Parliament in December 2016 (first reading) and received second reading and was debated in the House of Commons on February 10, 2017.

Bill C-323 includes the creation of:

- A 20% tax credit on eligible costs for rehabilitation work done to designated historic places (commercial & owner-occupied residential);
- An accelerated Capital Cost Allowance (25%/50%/25%) for eligible capitalized costs incurred under the same conditions of the tax credit (commercial only).

Heritage BC has provided a template letter and is encouraging heritage commissions and societies to forward their support to their local Member of Parliament and the Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change who is responsible for historic places in Canada.

Questions/Comments from HAC:

- Does this pertain to newly designated projects only?
 - No, it pertains to buildings that are on the National Heritage Registry, of which all of the buildings in the City's 2013 Heritage Register are.
- Are the City's heritage standards the same as the National standards?
 - Yes, we adopted the national ones through heritage conservation procedures bylaw.
- We should include the entire Heritage Register in the letter as they could all potentially benefit from this Bill.

After further discussion, it was regularly moved and seconded:

THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission accepts the letter to Mr. Jonathan Wilkinson, Member of Parliament for North Vancouver and to the Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding Bill C-323, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Rehabilitation of Historic Property)*;

THAT the Commission requests that Mayor and Council support this letter;

AND THAT the Mayor sign the letter and forward it on to said recipients.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Wilkinson advised that this letter will go to Council with as part of a short Information Report containing HAC's recommendation

- c) 424 East 3rd Street
It was unanimously agreed to accept the letter. Staff will finalize and forward to G. Penway.

3. UPDATES

a) **COUNCILLOR – N/A**

b) **STAFF**

- 910 Grand Boulevard
Staff are awaiting revised plans. The public hearing was well attended. The Applicant's approach was to listen to recommendations from the public. Staff are still expecting a 3 lot proposal.
- East 3rd Street Wartime Houses – The developer tried extensively to find a site for these homes. Several ideas were discussed but in the end no recipient site was found that was suitable. A commitment was negotiated with Quallex for \$35,000 towards the commemoration of the homes. We are now looking at the best way to do the commemoration effort holistically.
- Heritage Alteration Permits – No new permits to report

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

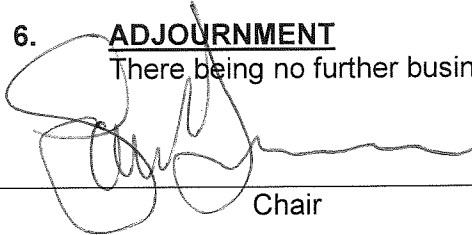
- a) Heritage BC Nomination Update
Regretfully Mr. Lazenby was not selected to receive the award as there were many nominations this year.

5. **INFORMATION**

- a) Volunteer Appreciation Reception – Thursday, April 6.
Save the date! A formal invitation will be coming by email from the City Clerk's office soon.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Chair

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Date

