

MINUTES OF THE
SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION MEETING
HELD AT SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM #2
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.

Present: Brad Shuya, President; Ross O'Connell, Vice President; Art Joyce, Treasurer; Mark Brown; Sheila Colwill; Veronica McEllister; Vicki Sanders; Katherine Whitworth; and Councillor Ned Taylor, Council Liaison

Regrets: Robert Townsend

Guests: Gareth Dominy, Pacific Audio Works, re: Council Chambers speaker system; Heidi Jacob, owner, 3927 Cadboro Bay Road

Staff: Sharon Froud, Deputy Legislative Manager; Megan Squires, Planner; and Shirley Leggett, Secretary

Minutes: MOVED by M. Brown and Seconded by R. O'Connell: "That the Minutes of the January 15, 2019, Regular Meeting be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

Foundation members welcomed new members Veronica McEllister and Vicki Sanders to the Saanich Heritage Foundation.

SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS SPEAKER SYSTEM

Memo from the Manager, Legislative Services, dated February 6, 2019, seeking endorsement from the Heritage Foundation for the mounting of two speakers in the Council Chambers at Saanich Municipal Hall.

The Deputy Manager of Legislative Services outlined the heritage designated features in the Council Chambers and stated that Saanich staff have received numerous complaints from members of the public that the sound quality in the Chambers is very poor.

Gareth Dominy, Pacific Audio Works, stated:

- There will be two sounds bars installed to better enhance the acoustics in the Council Chambers.
- He mocked up a design for the installation specifically noting the placement of them in the space and they are shown in the picture attached to the memo.
- The speakers measure 4.2 inches wide, 5 inches front to back, and 38.8 inches high. The mounting bracket will snug them up to the wall and blend.
- They are Bose speakers which are the favoured speakers architecturally speaking; they have installed them in heritage cathedrals. They are an off the shelf product which keeps the price down.
- There are technical and acoustical limitations to the space. If you turn up the volume of the current speakers, you get a lot of feedback. These new speakers will throw the sound in a short pattern so you can turn up the volume.

MOVED by M. Brown and Seconded by S. Colwill: "That the Saanich Heritage Foundation supports the mounting of two speakers in the Council Chambers of the Saanich Municipal Hall as outlined in the memo from the Manager, Legislative Services dated February 6, 2019 and as presented by the contractor for Pacific Audio Works."

CARRIED

2755 ADMIRALS ROAD – CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOLHOUSE – DRAFT STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (SoS) – UPDATED BY CONSULTANT

Draft document prepared by Consultant, Synaxis Associates, for BC Heritage Branch dated January 2019. The existing SoS for the property was prepared in 2004, and best practise recommends that these management tools for historic places be reviewed and revised as required.

The Consultant is inviting the District of Saanich to express its values, experiences, stories and perspectives about the Craigflower Schoolhouse including those connected to its history, built features, as well as its broader context and environment. Local indigenous communities and heritage organizations are also being engaged as part of the process.

Committee discussion noted:

- The draft SoS focuses mainly on the Schoolhouse.
- The SoS should also include information/recognition of the site itself and its archaeological history and importance.
- Is there a property title that shows the boundaries and who owns the park? What does the province own?
- There are historical fortifications under Admirals Road. When the new bridge was built there were ceremonies to recognize the history of the indigenous people.

3927 CADBORO BAY ROAD – (REGISTERED) – PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND ACCESORY BUILDING

Memo from the Planner re 3927 Cadboro Bay Road, dated February 12, 2019.

M. Brown stated:

- The cottage has heritage value because it's one of the last remaining beach cabins on Cadboro Bay beach and it is a reminder of the area's history as a resort destination.
- At the January meeting, he suggested that the Parks Department be contacted to see if they wanted the cottage to use as a storage shed or a field house in one of the parks nearby.
- He met with the Manager of Park Planning and Development but the Manager said that Parks does not have an operational need for the building.

The Planner stated:

- Staff looked into the option of Saanich taking possession of the building and relocating it either to the Cadboro Bay Sailing Association or Gyro Park.
- The sailing club recently completed work on a small storage shed and do not require another one.
- Relocating the cottage to Gyro Park is not desirable at this time as there is no need for an additional building, it's not suitable for use in a park, and there are significant costs associated with relocating, renovating and maintaining it.
- She has also tried contacting the UVic sailing club but has not heard back.
- Every effort has been made to see if the cottage can be moved elsewhere but it is time to move forward with the application for demolition.

Committee discussion noted:

- Every effort has been made to see if the cottage can be moved to another location but it doesn't look like it can happen.
- The Foundation may have to let the cottage go with great reluctance but it's not fair to hold

up the owners from proceeding with their plans.

- In the past, owners have been asked to deconstruct the structure.
- Documentation of the history of the structure and pictures are part of the deconstruction process and should be forwarded to Archives for their records. If possible, some of the historic features/materials should also be salvaged and saved for reuse elsewhere.
- They also suggest erecting an informational sign somewhere close to the property with information and a picture showing the history of the building before it was removed from the Heritage Register.
- Deconstruction is also done by hand and not by machine.
- It is suggested that the owner engage a heritage consultant to prepare an inventory of the heritage components of the cottage and that will form the inventory of what feature/materials to preserve during deconstruction.

In response to questions from Ms. Heidi Jacob, owner, 3927 Cadboro Bay Road, members stated:

- The Foundation does not take ownership of any salvaged materials – there are companies that will do that.
- Salvageable materials may include things like light fixtures, door knobs, and the core of the building before it was added on to over the years.

The Planner stated:

- The next step is for the Foundation to make a recommendation that will be included in the report to Council.

MOVED by S. Colwill and Seconded by A. Joyce: “That it be recommended to Council that:

- 1. The owners of 3927 Cadboro Bay Road engage a heritage consultant to identify and prepare an inventory of heritage components of the cottage and that deconstruction be based on that inventory;**
- 2. Documentation of the history of the cottage including photographs be forwarded to Archives for their records;**
- 3. The property be removed from the Saanich Heritage Register; and**
- 4. The owner research and install an informational sign somewhere close to the property telling the history of the cottage before it was removed from the Heritage Register.”**

CARRIED

Ms. Jacob left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

1248 BURNSIDE ROAD WEST (STRANTON LODGE) – UPDATE

The President stated there was nothing new to report.

4139 LAMBRICK WAY (DODD HOUSE) – UPDATE

S. Colwill stated:

- Trevor from Arbor Renovations will coordinate with Prestige Windows to measure the

windows sometime in March or April. The window ledge will have to be pulled off in order to measure.

TREASURER'S REPORT – UPDATE

The Treasurer provided the following Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as of January 31, 2019:

Grant Account:	\$35,232.61	GIC's: \$33,069.02
Operating Account:	\$10,369.67	
Hall House Account:	\$ 3,327.91	GIC's: \$28,631.59
Dodd House Account:	\$32,396.91	GIC's \$30,967.30

MOVED by A. Joyce and Seconded by M. Brown: "That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period ending January 31, 2019 be received for information."

CARRIED

ONE DAY WORKSHOP FOR A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE – UPDATE

Members discussed possible dates in April to hold the proposed workshop with Heritage BC and settled on either April 2, 3, or 4th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the regularly scheduled Heritage Foundation meeting to follow in one of the Committee Rooms.

It was decided that members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, Council members and planning staff also be invited to attend the proposed workshop.

MOVED by M. Brown and Seconded by A. Joyce: "That up to \$1,500 be approved for expenses and disbursements for the proposed heritage workshop in April put on by Heritage BC."

CARRIED

2019 HALLMARK AWARDS NIGHT – MAY 7, 2019

The Secretary stated:

- The 2019 Hallmark Awards night is being held May 7, 2019.
- There were two properties that received heritage designation in 2018 so the owners could be presented with their heritage plaques at the ceremony. Information on the two properties will need to be sent to the Hallmark Society ahead of time for the presentations.
- The two properties are 3956 Stan Wright Lane and 6187 Hunt Road.

Members discussed who could attend and present the plaques.

2019 GRANT APPLICATION TO COUNCIL

Copy of the 2019 grant application to Council in the amount of \$35,000.00.

The Secretary advised that presentations to Mayor and Council for the Community or Social Services Grant applications are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Each presentation is limited to 15 to 20 minutes.

HERITAGE BC CONFERENCE

V. Sanders provided an update on the recent Heritage BC Conference she attended which included talks on heritage conservation and values, and retrofitting older houses to make them more energy efficient.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Saanich Heritage Foundation will be held **Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.** in Committee Room #2 followed by the Annual General Meeting.

..... CHAIRPERSON