



History and Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 3, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: K. Wuschke, Chairperson
Chief H. Chappell, Vice-Chairperson
M. Pedersen, Committee Member
K. Peplow, Committee Member (entered the meeting at 3:38 p.m.)
S. Moir, Committee Member
R. Laflamme, Committee Member
H. Ellenwood, White Rock Museum and Archives (non-voting) (entered the meeting at 3:33 p.m.)

COUNCIL: Councillor D. Chesney (non-voting)

GUEST: Christina Reid, Executive Director of Heritage Abbotsford (entered the meeting at 3:38 p.m. and left at 4:10 p.m.)

STAFF: E. Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture
C. Isaak, Director of Planning and Development Services (left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.)
E. Keurvorst, Manager of Cultural Development
K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk
C. Richards, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number: HHAC-2021-07 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the History and Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the March 3, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion Number: HHAC-2021-08 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the History and Heritage Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

H. Ellenwood entered the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

K. Peplow entered the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Christina Reid entered the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

4. AN OVERVIEW OF WRITING A STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Christina Reid, Executive Director of Heritage Abbotsford, attended the meeting and provided an overview of writing a Statement of Significance and the work currently underway in the City of Abbotsford.

Christina Reid left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

5. MUNICIPAL HERITAGE RECOGNITION INQUIRY

Committee Member S. Moir provided an update on her research on Municipal Heritage Recognition.

The Committee discussed the importance of implementing a process for Heritage Recognition and connecting with the Semiahmoo First Nations. It was noted this would be financially tangible if it was done alongside tourism.

In further discussion, the following was noted:

- To no longer reference house posts as "totems" and the importance of changing this dialogue. It was noted this was a motion from this Committee that was previously endorsed by Council.
- Discussion surrounding where the list of Potential Sites for Heritage Register should reside. It was noted that this should be housed with the White Rock Museum. This would allow for the residents of White Rock to continue to recognize what they see as historical significance.
- The process of acquiring funding from the City of White Rock for signage to showcase some features on the waterfront was discussed.

C. Isaak left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

6. **MARINE DRIVE WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Committee members M. Pedersen, K. Peplow and Chairperson K. Wuschke provided a presentation with an update on the Marine Drive Working Group research.

7. **AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE AS THEY RELATE TO THE BRAINSTORM SESSION**

The Manager of Cultural Development provided an overview of the History and Heritage Brainstorm List and how it relates to the Committees Terms of Reference.

The Manager of Cultural Development requested the History and Heritage Committee Action Plan be attached to the minutes for reference.

8. **THE FUTURE OF THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Chairperson requested this item be added for discussion.

The Committee discussed their experience with the History and Heritage Advisory Committee.

Motion Number: HHAC-2021-09 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the History and Heritage Advisory Committee extend the meeting by ten (10) minutes.

Motion CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion Number: HHAC-2021-10 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the History and Heritage Advisory Committee extend the meeting by ten (10) minutes.

Motion CARRIED

Motion Number: HHAC-2021-11 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the History and Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to work with Semiahmoo First Nations to identify culturally significant locations in White Rock and recognize them through the provision of bilingual signage.

Motion CARRIED

Motion Number: HHAC-2021-12 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the History and Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to work with Semiahmoo First Nations to investigate culturally significant naming of undeveloped street right-of-ways.

Motion CARRIED

Motion Number: HHAC-2021-13 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the History and Heritage Advisory Committee extend the meeting by ten (10) minutes

Motion CARRIED

10. INFORMATION

10.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING

Corporate Administration provided an action-tracking document to the Task Force for information. This spreadsheet will be updated after each meeting and provided to members for information.

11. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

No scheduled meetings at this time.

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 3, 2021 HISTORY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:51 p.m.



K. Wunschke, Chairperson

K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk

A Heritage and History Action Plan based on suggested activities from the 2019-2021 Committee

GOAL 1 Improving local knowledge about Heritage and respectfully sharing our Cultural Heritage Stories
GOAL 2 Sustainably collecting, persevering, and promoting Heritage Assets

Staff: Culture/WRMA
 Staff: Planning/WRMA

GOAL 1. Improving local knowledge about Heritage and respectfully sharing our Cultural Heritage Stories

1.1 Collection, dissemination & celebration of the rich stories of White Rock City and Semiahmoo First Nation

1.2 Objective/Outcome: Systemized promotion of heritage and history

GOAL 2. Sustainably collecting, persevering, and promoting Heritage Assets

2.1 Objective/Outcome: A well supported White Rock Museum and Archives

2.2 Objective/Outcome: Sustainable heritage designations and policies

GOAL 1	Objectives/ Outcomes	Brainstormed Ideas/Tasks	Aligned to Council Strategy or Committee TOR	Budget	Timeline	Who
1. Improving local knowledge about Heritage and respectfully sharing our Cultural Heritage Stories	1.1 Collection and dissemination of the rich stories of White Rock City and Semiahmoo First Nation	Find out what is happening with the old Oxford Pump Station				
		Storyboard at P'quales				
		Capture the history of Sea Festival and Tour de White Rock				
		Conduct an inventory of existing markers (stones, plaques, storyboards) including Posts housed on school property				
		Acquire a map that includes Semiahmoo names of places				
		Take a respectful and curious attitude and ask how we can improve outreach/inclusion with Semiah First Nation				
		Connecting to the churches (Holy Trinity Church 100th Anniversary; Father Luke a new pastor)				
	1.2 Systemized promotion of heritage and history	Engage with new arrivals to White Rock				
		Consider the opportunity of 2021 150th BC Anniversary				
		Survey the public/gather information to find out interests/concerns regarding History & Heritage and value (attendance and thoughts)				
		Include History and Heritage in the Recreation Guide, in order to educate and reach a broader audience and interest in history				
		Look at the Environmental Committee activities to expand outreach and consider natural history				
		Focus on educational tools (i.e. storyboards)				
		Identify opportunities to integrate history and heritage education				
		Use technology to enable the walking tours and identify P'quales, Pier, Museum				
		Create an awareness/celebration initiative				
		Create video documentaries and gamification on City's website that links to history				
		Identify current History and Heritage related activities				
		Identify ways to support existing programs to optimize history and heritage awareness				
		Facilitate building relationships that will lead to programming and planning				

GOAL 2	Objectives/ Outcomes	Brainstormed Ideas/Tasks	Aligned to Council Strategy or Committee TOR	Budget	Timeline	Who
2 .Sustainably collecting, persevering, and promoting Heritage Assets	2.1 A well supported White Rock Museum and Archives	Engage with seniors and families of seniors to capture documents, stories and photos - work with hospice, churches				
		Promote the oral history program - support the WRMA initiative				
		Engage with the local history club to cherish and use the Museum for 1/4ly presentations with paid hosts and presenters - currently meets at library?				
		Explore Heritage grant programs				
		Attend workshops to expand understanding				
		Learn from other municipalities "best practices" to "better practices"				
		Analyze current audience demographics at the museum				
		Create oral history podcasts				
	2.2 Sustainable heritage designations and policies	Look at a framework for Commemorations				
		Create a maintenance plan for existing heritage assets				
		Initiative a street sign/dual language program				
		Integrate naming conventions with City naming				
		Take an inventory of policies and identify gaps and advise on those policy gaps				
		Designate Marine Drive - explore how to do that				
		Expand heritage in the OCP as a key topic and more deeply				
		Be aware of dates of significance in White Rock				