

**City of Chilliwack
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019 – 7:30 am
DOGWOOD ROOM – CITY HALL**

Council Members:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Vice Chair

Heritage Advisory Committee:

Ray Ramey, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association
John Black, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association
Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society
Jon Kinneman, Algra Brothers Developments
Dr. David Schaepe, Stólō Research & Resource Management Centre
Kathryn Bourdon, Community Member
Laura Reid, Community Member

City Staff:

Karen Stanton, Manager of Long Range Planning
David Blain, Director of Planning and Engineering
Erin Leary, Planner III

Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Councillor Sue Attrill, Chair
Tristan Evans, Community Member (Chilliwack Museum)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Mercer was Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. The members were welcomed and roundtable introductions were made.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Friday,
Seconded (March 8, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATION

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTIONS ITEMS

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Committee Terms of Reference

Councillor Mercer amended the Committee Terms of Reference, Procedures section, #14, line 2, where it reads the words 'public art'; these will be amended to read the word 'heritage'.

2. Membership List

The 2019 Heritage Advisory Committee Membership was provided for information.

3. Heritage Strategic Plan

The Manager of Long Range Planning provided an overview of heritage conservation in BC, Chilliwack's current heritage policies, concerns that have come to the forefront in recent years regarding the preservation of heritage in Chilliwack the Heritage Action Plan proposal and the role of this committee.

City Council has determined that the development of a Heritage Strategic Action Plan is needed to bring stakeholders together to develop a community vision and clear direction for an integrated community heritage program. The City is seeking the services of a consultant who is experienced in strategic and heritage planning to undertake the development of a Heritage Strategic Plan in 2019 in close collaboration with City staff.

Dr. Dave Schaepe, Director and Senior Archeologist, Stólō Research & Resource Management Centre, provided copies of a chapter from a recent publication in The Oxford Handbook of Public Heritage reflecting up-to-date information on public heritage.

In terms of stakeholders, it was suggested that engagement include the Ts'elxwéyeqw (formerly known as Ch-ihl-kway-uhk) Tribe, the Pilalt First Nations and the Sema;th First Nations. This is Stólō specific; as there is a link to Indigenous Heritage, and 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action'.

It was also suggested to include representatives from the Chinese and Dutch community in the area.

Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society, discussed the park located at the south end of Chilliwack Lake. In 1971, the Royal Engineers selected the Chilliwack area in which to exercise their skills. The Squadron built two bridges, Victoria and Invicta, a beach and park for the City of Chilliwack residents. The park area was officially named Chilliwack Lake Sapper Park. The monument has since been all but destroyed and the bridges have been washed out. Although Chilliwack Lake is located in the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and the park itself being listed as a BC Park, the park and monument's history is tied to Chilliwack due to the Royal Engineers. Staff will contact FVRD regarding what efforts are taking place with respect to this area.

A query was raised regarding whether barns can be designated heritage; there are barns listed in the inventory. A link to the Voluntary Municipal Heritage Designation list on the City's website will be forwarded to the Committee.

Ray Ramey, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association, informed the Committee of a family heritage event next year at Heritage Park and suggested having a community engagement at the same time.

7. INFORMATION

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be held once a consultant has been selected.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 am.

Councillor Bud Mercer, Chair