

MINUTES of the meeting of the OAK BAY HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE, held in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay B.C., on Thursday May 10, 2007.

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Causton, Chairman
Jane Nielsen
Don Reksten
Christopher Watts
Stephanie Sainas
STAFF: Nigel Beattie, Sandi Piercy

Mayor Christopher Causton called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair informed the committee that the Cairn at Tod House has been moved to the boulevard. The cairn was originally placed on the property to mark the 75th anniversary of Rotary. The Chair also noted that four trees have had to come down in Estevan Village. New maple trees will be replacing the trees this month.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Stephanie Sainas
Seconded by Jane Nielsen, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OAK BAY HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 10, 2007 BE ADOPTED with two amendments:
page 2 to the address on Esplanade not Cavendish
page 3 the word cairn be replaced with the word marker

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

St. Michael's University School Marker

Christopher Watts has been working closely with representatives from St. Michael's University School (SMU) and it is the representatives that will make arrangements for the marker's delivery and installation with Public Works. The event surrounding the marker's unveiling will include 155 children and short speeches on June 1 at 10:00 am.

April 24 FAR Public Meeting

50-60 people attended the meeting. The majority in attendance at the meeting would like changes to the current bylaw. The ability to vary density on a lot will apply to both RS5 and RS4 lots. Nigel Beattie is finishing the report for the committee.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING

Budget

The 2007 budget was distributed.

Website

The Oak Bay Municipal Web site has a direct link with the heritage site. An electronic register will be added to the site, which will allow access to a photo and information about all the homes on the Heritage Register.

Strategic Plan

Nigel has spoken to Gerry McGeough who will be coming to Victoria at the end of May. Nigel has spoken to Dr. McGeough about our strategic plan and he will assist the committee in creating more goals. Nigel and Sandi will try to arrange a meeting for the end of May.

Heritage Conservation Areas

Nigel has circulated copy of Bill Cochrane's memo on Conservation areas to the committee.

Demolition Permits

Nigel researched all the demolition permits approved since 2002. The municipality averages approximately 12 demolitions per year.

HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL

The Heritage Advisory Panel could be of great assistance to the Oak Bay United Church when applying for grants for the church restoration.

HERITAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Heritage Community Services is working on the Masked Ball at the Union Club. There will be a live and silent auction. Some of the proceeds raised could go to the United Church Restoration.

The committee has also begun planning for next year's garden tour.

COMMUNITY INIATIVES COMMITTEE

The Community Initiatives Committee (CIC) has produced a rack card with the dates of the Heritage events.

NEW BUSINESS

The City of Victoria has “wrapped” some of the traffic control boxes with anti-graffiti historical photos. Oak Bay has few traffic lights, but the historical photos could be appropriate for its traffic control boxes as well.

Markers for Camas Lane could be done by Public Works. 6 small post-markers could mark the trail. This could be a joint project with the CIC.

Christopher Watts provided some interesting material on an historic city, St. Augustine, in Florida. The city has a Historical Architectural Review Board as well as Historical Advisory Committee and promotes Heritage Tourism. Mr. Watts provided the Foundation with a book on the Architectural Plans of the city.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Steering Committee will be on Thursday June 14, 2007 at 8:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.