

City of Chilliwack
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 – 3:20 pm
Dogwood Room – Held Electronically

Council Members:

Councillor Nicole Read, Chair

Heritage Advisory Committee:

Ray Ramey, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association
Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society
Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre
Krista Butt, Heritage Chilliwack Society, President
Carlye Jones, Realtor

City Staff:

Reuben Koole, Manager of Long Range Planning
Gillian Villeneuve, Director of Planning
Madelaine Peters, Senior Planner
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Vice-Chair
Jon Kinneman, Algra Brothers Developments
Brian Burr, Richlane Builders
Tristan Evans, Community Member (Chilliwack Museum)
Allison Colthorp, Executive Director, Tourism Chilliwack

Guests:

Darren Kennedy, Owner, iMUG Canada / Executive Project Manager,
Chilliwack Military Museum
Hugh McLean, Consultant, McLean Heritage, Planning and Consulting
Susan Medville, Consultant, Mountain Heritage Consulting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre joined the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Councillor Read was Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm and provided territorial acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday,
Seconded (June 1, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday,
Seconded (March 2, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATION

5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Consultants for Heritage Interest Inventory

The City of Chilliwack conducted a Request for Quotes (RFQ) to seek the services of a consultant to update the Heritage Interest Inventory in collaboration with City staff.

Hugh McLean, McLean Heritage, Planning and Consulting and Susan Medville, Mountain Heritage Consulting, were in attendance and provided a brief outline regarding the work to date with respect to updating the Heritage Interest Inventory.

The consultants, through field review, are in the process of determining which sites still exist and retain sufficient integrity to remain on the Heritage Interest Inventory, and from initial observations many of the buildings from the 1991 Inventory List remain intact.

An overview of the Work Components and the Project Schedule was presented. The HAC will receive information about the findings and draft report over the next two meetings, as scheduled below:

- September 7, 2023 - Initial Presentation of findings to HAC
- December 7, 2023 – Presentation of Draft Report to HAC
- Presentation to Council – January 2024

2. HSAP Implementation Dashboard

Reuben Koole, Manager of Long Range Planning, provided a presentation with respect to the Heritage Strategic Action Plan (HSAP) Implementation Dashboard. The purpose of the Dashboard is to track the progress and status of the actions of the HSAP. The Action Plan flows from the Vision and Goals of the Heritage Strategy and is supported by eight (8) Key Strategic Directions that will be achieved over a 10-year period, divided into two (2) categories – community-led initiatives and city-led initiatives.

Prioritization and funding of specific initiatives will be subject to annual city budgets and Council decision making. Community-led initiatives occur on an ongoing basis. Achieving planned heritage conservation objectives is a collaborative process that involves city staff, landowners, representatives of other agencies, and professional consultants. The implementation of the actions in the Plan will be ongoing, short-term, medium-term or long-term and will provide key strategic direction and progress.

At the next meeting, members can share about what actions they are aware of or supporting through their respective work, interests, and/or organizations. The HSAP Dashboard summary and community-led actions will be forwarded to the Committee.

General Discussion – the following members shared the information below:

J. Harris provided comment with respect to Chilliwack having a deep military history dating back to the 1860s, noting there were five military camps located in the community.

C. Jones noted she may have a lead through her work as a realtor through the BC Real Estate Foundation who offer grants for different initiatives. Ms. Jones will look into this further with respect to whether there is funding available for some aspect of Chilliwack Heritage projects.

R. Ramey provided comment with respect to funding other municipalities have received for military museums; it was noted Chilliwack is no longer registered as a military community; therefore, Chilliwack is not eligible for funding.

K. Butt advised that the Heritage Chilliwack Society is busy with advocacy work and projects such as raising funds for students to tour the museum through the Classroom Sponsorship Program. There is continued work being conducted to raise awareness of the two neighbourhoods in Chilliwack known as Chinatown North and Chinatown South from the 1880s to the 1930s. With respect to the Heritage Designation Grant, the Heritage Chilliwack Society offers homeowners some funding to cover the cost of applying for the City of Chilliwack’s Voluntary Heritage Designation Program. Ms. Butt’s final update was regarding the Heritage Home Tour which takes place this fall and is a major fundraiser for the Society.

Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre provided comment with respect to providing opportunities to incorporate local First Nations heritage and other aspects of community history, including but not limited to, public art, rather than limiting heritage to architecture. Dr. Schaepe noted collaboration with First Nations is essential in moving forward and building a foundation.

6. INFORMATION

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023 in the Dogwood Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/) There being no further business, the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting adjourned
Seconded (at 3:55 pm

Carried unanimously



Councillor Nicole Read, Chair