



City of Maple Ridge
Community Heritage Commission
AGENDA

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Held via Zoom Teleconference

Meeting Access Information

To practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic we will be holding the Community Heritage Commission (CHC) meeting via Zoom teleconference. Members of the CHC and the public are asked to join the meeting from home using the following access information:

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<https://mapleridge-ca.zoom.us/j/86568463017?pwd=S01hUkVkbIpKUTJuNGZuWlJ5aWlJdz09>

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Dial: 1-778-907-2071 Meeting ID: **865 6846 3017** Passcode: **117053**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – October 7, 2021**
4. **DELEGATIONS**
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 5.1. Municipal Scan of Heritage Plaque/Signage
 - 5.2. Youth Grant Research Presentation
 - 5.3. Whonnock Cemetery
6. **LIAISON UPDATES**
 - 6.1. Maple Ridge Historical Society
 - 6.2. Council Liaison
 - 6.3. Staff Liaison
7. **TASK FORCE UPDATES**
 - 7.1. Heritage Awards
 - 7.2. Heritage Plan
8. **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: December 16, 2021

Agenda Items Submission Deadline: December 2, 2021

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subjects that are of concern to them. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak.

Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.



City of Maple Ridge
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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Heritage Commission,
held via Zoom teleconference on October 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Ryan Svendsen	Council Liaison
Jared Bissky, Vice Chair	Member at Large
Romana Osborne	Member at Large
Eric Phillips	Member at Large
Julie Koehn	Maple Ridge Historical Society Representative

STAFF PRESENT

Krista Gowan	Staff Liaison, Planner 1
Mike McLean	Committee Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

ABSENT

Shane Gehring, Chair	Member at Large
Ross Dunning	Maple Ridge Historical Society Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-017

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the October 7, 2021 Community Heritage Commission meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2021-018

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission for May 13, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS – NIL

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Municipal Scan of Heritage Plaques/Signage Presentation

Romana Osborne discussed signage options used by other municipalities for heritage sites, including the prevention of vandalism and the creation of plaques by local artists. Councillor Ryan Svendsen discussed replacing valuable metals with less valuable materials to discourage vandalism. Vice Chair Jared Bissky requested that R. Osborne provide further insight into options for heritage plaques/signage during upcoming Committee meetings.

Note: Julie Koehn joined the meeting at 7:04 pm

5.2 Youth Grant Research Presentation

Vice Chair Bissky noted with the absence of Chair Shane Gehring that the Youth Grant Research Presentation should be revisited during the next Committee meeting.

5.3 2022 CHC Work Plan

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the 2022 CHC Work Plan, including the conservation masterplan, advising on heritage revitalization matters, and updating the heritage register.

R/2021-019

It was moved and seconded

That the Community Heritage Commission Work Plan be adopted as is and recommended to Council for approval.

CARRIED

5.4 Annual Heritage Awards

Vice Chair Bissky discussed the process of advertising for the Annual Heritage Awards. Eric Phillips discussed recognizing the contributions of local residents to the preservation of heritage.

5.5 BC Historical Federation 2021 Conference Report Out

J. Koehn provided an overview of the 2021 BC Historical Federation Conference, including the history of the Peace Arch and the value of incorporating different historical perspectives.

5.6 2022 Membership Recruitment

The Staff Liaison provided an update on recruiting members for the CHC and the upcoming deadline for submissions on October 17, 2021.

6. LIASION UPDATES

6.1 Council Liaison

Councillor Svendsen provided an update on the following:

- Pedestrian safety initiatives
- The announcement of Michael Van Dop as the new Fire Chief

6.2 Staff Liaison

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the following:

- The Music on the Wharf concert series
- The demolition of property on Battle Avenue

6.3 Maple Ridge Historical Society

J. Koehn provided an update on the following:

- The repair of the historic caboose
- The 1920s fashion exhibit at the ACT Art Gallery
- The ACT Art Gallery's YouTube channel
- The Music on the Wharf concert series

7. TASK FORCE UPDATES

7.1 Heritage Incentive Planning

Vice Chair Bissky spoke about the possibility of providing financial incentives for the preservation of heritage properties. The Staff Liaison discussed the process of consulting with local groups to determine the logistics of administering and distributing funds.

7.2 Heritage Plan

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the results of recent open house initiatives for the Heritage Plan, including engagement with First Nations and school districts.

Note: Councillor Svendsen left the meeting at 8:03 pm.

8. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC

9. ROUNDTABLE

E. Phillips discussed the heritage designation of the Port Haney Wharf, the potential for the restoration of a heritage commercial area and the status of various heritage properties. R. Osborne discussed the opportunity to mark the inaugural National Truth and Reconciliation Day and the inclusion of Indigenous peoples in heritage efforts. J. Koehn spoke about attending events on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:22 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Community Heritage Commission will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Jared Bissky, Chair

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Oct 4, 2021

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Community Heritage Commission
City of Maple Ridge

re: Whonnock Cometary

I recently learned that upkeep
of the headstones is "the responsibility
of the family".

1. Is this reasonable?

Many would not have family
nearby

- The early sites date from the 1800s.
- The Japanese families have
been gone since 1942.

2. Some headstones are no longer
readable

- Those made from concrete, as
many from 1930s, do not
age well.

3. Although many of the unmarked
or unreadable graves may be
identified at City Hall and
the Museum, that did not
prevent a beautiful bench
from being installed on
top of the unmarked grave
of Whonnock's earliest
shopkeeper/postmaster.

Would it be possible to have a grave marker project?
• Install a small, weather proof, indestructable marker at each currently unmarked or unreadable site?

I would be happy to meet Heritage Commission Members at the cemetery so you can see first hand these concerns.

As an evening meeting would not be possible due to the shortage of daylight, I would be happy to meet at your convenience — weekdays for those whose schedule allows or a weekend for those who prefer.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Keep safe.

Bernice Rolls

[date]

Dear Bernice Rolls,

Thank you for your letter regarding Whonnock Cemetery and the maintenance of grave and memorial markers.

The deterioration of grave markers is an issue that many municipalities are facing as the maintenance and care of markers has been the responsibility of the families for decades.

For cemeteries owned by the City of Maple Ridge, a portion of the funds that are collected through the "Right of Interment" fee are placed into the "Perpetual Care Fund". The funds are then used to provide regular care and maintenance of the cemetery grounds in perpetuity.

When a person or family purchases the marker, they are made aware that they are responsible for the care and maintenance of the marker as the City does not own the markers.

Although the families are responsible for the care and maintenance of a marker, the Community Heritage Commission can assist in bringing together volunteers to help maintain the cemetery and markers. Additionally, the Community Heritage Commission can consider undertaking a grave marker project.

The Community Heritage Commission would like to take you up on your offer to meet you at Whonnock Cemetery.

Krista Gowan, Community Planner at the City of Maple Ridge, will be in touch via phone to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission