



City of Maple Ridge  
Community Heritage Commission  
**MINUTES**

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

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**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

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**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

  
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Jared Bissky, Acting Chair

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