

MINUTES OF THE
SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION MEETING
HELD AT SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM #2
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.

Present: Brad Shuya, President; Ross O'Connell, Vice President; Andy Jani (5:45); Art Joyce, Treasurer; Sheila Colwill; Ken Johnson; Paul McKivett (5:40)

Regrets: Andrew Rushforth and Councillor Derman, Council liaison

Staff: Jane Evans, Planner; Steve Holroyd, Engineering Planner/Designer (Design Services); Ivan Leung, Engineering Technician, (Design Services); and Shirley Leggett, Secretary

Guests: Elizabeth Noakes, owner, 1525 Oak Crest Drive

Minutes: Moved by K. Johnson and Seconded by S. Colwill: "That the Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

1950 LANSDOWNE ROAD – YOUNG BUILDING (FORMERLY VICTORIA NORMAL SCHOOL) – SHARED USE BIKEWAY/WALKWAY DESIGN ((Bikeway/walkway design that is proposed to be installed on the north side of Lansdowne Road from Foul Bay Road to Shelbourne Street).

The Planner stated:

- The Bylaw designating the former Victoria Normal School (1950 Lansdowne Road) and surrounding lands does not specify why the lands are included in the heritage designation bylaw; typically it is to protect the viewscape, landscaping, trees, etc.

The Planning Designer and Engineering Technician provided an overview of the proposed shared use bikeway/walkway design plan and responded to questions from Foundation members. The following was noted:

- The proposed shared bikeway/walkway is planned for the north side of Lansdowne Road from Foul Bay Road to Shelbourne Street; it is identified as a route within the District of Saanich bikeway network and has been approved by Council.
- The existing road is too narrow to install bike lanes without significantly impacting the landscape; the proposed shared bikeway/walkway will be four (4) metres wide fronting the Camosun College campus and be located near the existing concrete sidewalk.
- The design plan is still being developed so details such as incorporating dotted lines to create two lanes, surface material such as asphalt, have not been finalized. They do not want to create a laneway for cyclists and typically dotted lines mean you can pass and go faster.
- The shared bikeway/walkway will be on College property so a Statutory Right-of-Way agreement with Camosun College to enable Saanich to maintain the bikeway/walkway is currently in progress.
- An arborist will be involved during the construction of the proposed bikeway/walkway; their goal is to not impact any of the existing trees.
- There will be signage indicating that it is a shared use bikeway/walkway.

Committee discussion noted:

- From a heritage perspective, asphalt is not sympathetic to the heritage character of the designated lands indicated in the bylaw; perhaps the section of the bikeway/walkway

fronting the Young Building could be surfaced in a different material, a different colour, or a stamped asphalt that looks like paving stones or cobble stones; this section should be defined so it does not lose its heritage character.

- A Heritage Alteration Permit (HAP) is also required as the lands are included in the designation bylaw.
- If possible, consideration should be given to retaining as much as possible of the existing rock wall by the landscaped area near the College entrance at the Lansdowne/Richmond Road intersection without jeopardizing the nearby protected tree.
- Perhaps the existing light standards along the proposed section of bikeway/walkway fronting the Young Building could be changed at some point to a light fixture that reflects the heritage character of this section of trail. Some kind of interpretive signage outlining the history of this section of trail should also be considered.

MOVED by R. O’Connell and Seconded by S. Colwill: “That the shared use bikeway/walkway proposed for the north side of Lansdowne Road from Foul Bay Road to Shelbourne Street and fronting 1950 Lansdowne Road (Young Building) be approved in principle, in consideration of the recommendations from the Saanich Heritage Foundation at the October 21, 2014 meeting.”

CARRIED

Engineering staff left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

1525 OAK CREST DRIVE (TWIN OAKS) – DESIGNATED

The owner of 1525 Oak Crest Drive was present at the meeting to ask for advice and direction on how to deal with the difficulties she’s having with respect to renewing/obtaining house insurance. She also inquired about future grant funding in order to replace the existing roof and gutters.

3918 CAREY ROAD (AMBLESIDE) (PREVIOUS ADDRESS 3912/3914) – HERITAGE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

Application for Heritage Designation from Sparton Lodge Holdings Inc. for 3918 Carey Road (Ambleside).

The Planner reminded members that as a condition of the Zoning Bylaw, the owners were required to designate the registered heritage dwelling upon completion of its rehabilitation. Staff and Foundation members supported its retention and restoration, and a few of the members met with the developer on site for a tour of the dwelling in February 2013 prior to work commencing

The Planner stated:

- The Heritage Designation Application did not include any details or pictures of the rehabilitated dwelling for the members to review.
- She suggests that members visit the site again to see the restoration work that has been completed on the dwelling before they endorse the heritage application.

MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by S. Colwill: "That a site visit for 3918 Carey Road be arranged with the developer in order for Foundation members to review the rehabilitation work undertaken on the registered dwelling."

CARRIED

1248 BURNSIDE ROAD WEST (STRANTON LODGE) – UPDATE

The President stated:

- The Saanich Parks staff member that he has been liaising with with respect to the arborists reports for Stranton Lodge is no longer with Saanich; he will have to make contact with a different staff member and will update members when he has more information.

4139 LAMBRICK WAY (DODD HOUSE) - UPDATE

S. Colwill stated:

- The propane fireplace insert was serviced.
- She has gotten two estimates from roofing companies to replace the roof over the kitchen next year and is going to contact a couple more.
- She is also getting quotes from gardening companies to take over next year at Dodd House and Stranton Lodge in case the current contractor decides not to renew her contract.

TREASURER'S REPORT – UPDATE

The Treasurer provided the following Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period ending September 30, 2014:

Grant Account:	\$30,691.81	GIC's: \$32,272.90
Operating Account:	\$18,449.94	
Hall House Account:	\$3,879.55	GIC's: \$22,654.84
Dodd House Account:	\$13,372.16	GIC: \$16,562.07

MOVED by P. McKivett and Seconded by K. Johnson: "That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period ending September 30, 2014 be received for information."

CARRIED

770 VERNON AVENUE (DESIGNATED – MUNICIPAL HALL) – PROPOSED BROCHURE/FORMS RACKS (INTERIOR IS NOT DESIGNATED)

The Planner distributed diagrams and provided an overview of the proposed brochure/forms display racks to be installed in specific areas on the first and second floors of the Municipal Hall; they will not obstruct any decorative pillars. The wood that the racks will be constructed from will match the furniture currently in the front entryway from the parking lot.

Members did not have any objections to the proposed brochure/forms racks.

321 GORGE ROAD WEST (HORSPPOOL RESIDENCE) - DESIGNATION OF A SAANICH OWNED REGISTERED SITE – UPDATE

The President stated:

- He attended the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 20, 2014 as Council was considering the proposed designation of 321 Gorge Road West.
- Staff acknowledged that any rental income could be made available for future maintenance of the property.
- The Gorge Tillicum Community Association is interested in using the dwelling for their own purposes sometime in the future but for now it will be used as a rental property by Saanich.
- Council supported sending the application to a Public Hearing.

841 RALPH STREET – MARTELLI FARMHOUSE (SAANICH OWNED PROPERTY)

The Planner stated:

- The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACH) discussed the Martelli Farmhouse at their October meeting and passed a motion for staff to forward a report to Council recommending that 841 Ralph Street be designated; a Statement of Significance (SOS) will need to be prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Saanich Heritage Foundation will be held **Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.** in **Committee Room #1.**

..... CHAIRPERSON