

MINUTES OF THE
SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION MEETING
HELD AT SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM #2
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.

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

Regrets: Councillor Derman, Council liaison

Staff: Jane Evans, Planner; and Shirley Leggett, Secretary

Guests: Councillor Sanders, Chair, Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes: Moved by K. Johnson and Seconded by A. Joyce: "That the Minutes of the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

2895 COLQUITZ AVENUE (DESIGNATED) – POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICATION

K. Johnson reported that he had spoken with the owner of 2895 Colquitz Avenue with respect to a potential grant application for replacing the gutters.

3400 RICHMOND ROAD (REGISTERED) – REYNOLDS HOUSE AT ST. MICHAEL'S UNIVERSITY

Proposal to expand the side deck, remove wrought iron railing and replace with tempered glass, replace some windows and add French doors.

The Planner stated:

- According to the Heritage Register, Reynolds House (formerly Gate House) was built about 1924 and was once used by the headmaster.
- The proposal is to expand the existing side deck and replace the iron railing with new tempered glass panels and powder coated aluminum posts.
- New French doors and windows will be installed; the existing main entry door will be replaced with a new door with sidelights; the existing colors will be kept.

Committee discussion noted:

- The wrought iron railing on the original verandah is in keeping with the heritage character of the residence and it is recommended that it be retained; replacing it with tempered glass panels and aluminum supports as shown in the drawings is not sympathetic to the original character.
- Examples of railing detail that is more sympathetic to the original character and period of the residence should be reviewed for use on the new portion of the deck.
- Replacement of doors and windows should be wooden and reflect the detail and pattern of the original elements.
- It is also recommended that the owners of significant heritage properties retain a professional architect to design proposed alterations and that any rehabilitation or renovation follow the "Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Historic Places in Canada."

1248 BURNSIDE ROAD WEST (STRANTON LODGE) – UPDATE

The President stated:

- The Parks Department did a site visit on November 21, 2014 and provided a Tree Risk Assessment report with respect to the Fir tree on the east side of the house.
- According to the report, the Fir tree was load tested to determine if there was any visible weakness around the topping area or root flare.
- Several limbs were removed over the service line and other elongated limbs were shortened over the house side to reduce the chance of failure.

2015 Garden/Lawn Maintenance Quotes – Stranton Lodge and Dodd House

S. Colwill stated:

- She got three quotes from various companies for garden/lawn maintenance work for 2105 for both Dodd House and Stranton Lodge.
- Theresa Sharpe who has performed the work at both places for several years is now employed by Richmond Property Group (RPG), and they are one of the companies who provided quotes; their quotes are the same price Theresa Sharpe was charging plus an additional \$200 for dump fees at Dodd House.

MOVED by P. McKivett and Seconded by A. Joyce: “That the quotes from Richmond Property Group (RPG) for lawn/garden maintenance services for 2015 at Dodd House (\$2,475.64) and Stranton Lodge (\$2,789.35) be accepted.”

CARRIED

The Secretary was asked to send a letter to Richmond Property Group (RPG) confirming acceptance of their quotes for Dodd House and Stranton Lodge.

4139 LAMBRICK WAY (DODD HOUSE) - UPDATE

S. Colwill stated:

- She had to have the kitchen sink faucet replaced; she purchased the tap from Home Depot; she also replaced the battery for the propane alarm; the total cost is \$135.51.
- Arbor Renovations cleaned the gutters and will be cleaning the gutters at Stranton Lodge as well; she will also ask him to check the smoke alarms; he will be submitting an invoice for the installation of the faucet and gutter cleaning.
- Some of the window latches need work and may have to be replaced; the screen door was repaired.

MOVED by A. Joyce and Seconded by P. McKivett: “That a cheque be issued to S. Colwill in the amount of \$135.51 from the Dodd House Account for reimbursement for items purchased for Dodd House.”

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT – UPDATE

The Treasurer provided the following Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period ending October 31, 2014:

Grant Account:	\$26,980.59	GIC's: \$32,282.56
Operating Account:	\$12,764.94	
Hall House Account:	\$4,051.36	GIC's: \$22,654.84
Dodd House Account:	\$14,124.69	GIC: \$16,562.07

MOVED by P. McKivett and Seconded by K. Johnson: "That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period ending October 31, 2014 be received for information."

CARRIED

SAANICH CULTURAL LANDSCAPE INVENTORY – DRAFT OCTOBER 2014

The Planner provided an overview of the draft Saanich Cultural Landscape Inventory. Highlights include the following:

- The Saanich Cultural Landscape Inventory is a preliminary identification of areas that may have value and significance to the understanding of Saanich's history and sense of place.
- The purpose of identifying cultural landscapes is to provide the opportunity to encourage good stewardship of the land, sites, and structures within the landscape to ensure the unique character of our community is preserved.
- The Saanich Cultural Landscape Inventory includes sites where there is evidence of human influence or activity; sites where there are stories of connected human activity, and sites that have an attachment to human wellbeing; these sites have been organized into the following categories: Designated Landscapes; Evolved and/or Storied Landscapes; and Associated Cultural Landscapes.
- The inventory is not considered to be complete, but is a preliminary list of areas that may be further assessed in order to understand their cultural value; some sites may be removed following assessment and other sites may be added as they are identified.
- She would appreciate hearing back from Foundation members if they have an area they think should be considered.

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

The Planner stated:

- The proposed designation bylaw is ready to be sent to Council; the date for the Public Hearing is still to be determined.

770 VERNON AVENUE (DESIGNATED – MUNICIPAL HALL) – PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF INTERIOR

Councillor Sanders, Chair, Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACH), was present at the meeting and stated:

- In March 2003, Saanich Council approved the Saanich Municipal Hall Heritage and Arts Enhancement Project (referred to as the JC Scott Report).
- The objectives of the project were to recapture the original design intent and features of the

building interior, exterior and grounds.

- While the heritage designation applies only to the building's exterior and a portion of the grounds, the interior architecture is also important; the building was designed as a piece of sculpture with artistic elements built into selected interior and exterior walls; of significance are the bas relief concrete murals, fluted concrete columns, and Council Chamber details including the dais.
- Although the JC Scott Report recognizes the heritage value of the architectural and artistic significance, it does not provide protection.
- In order to ensure the protection of the integrity of the interior of the Municipal Hall and to recognize its architectural significance, the ACH has prepared a draft memo to Council recommending that Council designate the interior of the Municipal Hall.

Committee discussion noted:

- A Statement of Significance (SOS) will need to be prepared.
- It will be difficult to describe the specific elements that are to be heritage protected unless detailed drawings/floor plans are prepared showing the specific elements and using concise descriptions of those features.

MOVED by P. McKivett and Seconded by S. Colwill: "That the Saanich Heritage Foundation supports in principle, the proposed initiative by the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, to designate the interior of the Municipal Hall."

CARRIED

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

The Planner stated:

- The application for heritage designation of 3918 Carey Road did not include any details or pictures of the rehabilitated dwelling so she arranged a site visit with the developer for herself and available Foundation members to see the completed restoration work.
- The developer created two side-by-side duplex units with basements that still retain the character of the original dwelling; the revitalized dwelling adds value to the new development around it and retains the essence of the original dwelling; you can see Swan Lake from the front porch.
- The restoration work was more extensive than originally anticipated; the interior had to be taken back to the studs and the roof reinforced; a new foundation was poured to rest the house on; new wooden windows and doors were installed.
- In future, it would be a good idea to have an independent, unbiased architectural/engineering assessment undertaken to see if a structure is worth saving; in this case, it's a successful example of adaptive reuse.

MOVED by P. McKivett and Seconded by A. Joyce: "That the Saanich Heritage Foundation supports the proposed heritage designation of 3918 Carey Road."

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Saanich Heritage Foundation will be held **Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Committee Room #1.**

..... CHAIRPERSON