

MINUTES OF THE
SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION MEETING
HELD AT SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM #2
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.

Present: Brad Shuya, President; Ross O'Connell, Vice President; Art Joyce, Treasurer; Andy Jani; Sheila Colwill; Ken Johnson; Andrew Rushforth; Robert Townsend; and Bernard von Schulmann

Regrets: Councillor Sanders, Council Liaison

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

Guests: Kevin Greenard, owner, 1955 Saltair Crescent

Minutes: Moved by K. Johnson and Seconded by S. Colwill: "That the Minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

1955 SALTAIR CRESCENT (DESIGNATED) – PROPOSED EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS

Mr. Greenard, owner of 1955 Saltair, was in attendance at the meeting and stated:

- He has some restoration projects he would like to do in 2016 which involve the lower and main levels of the rear exterior of the dwelling.
- The existing deck is in need of substantial repairs and he would like to remove it and construct a new deck and extend it an additional four (4) feet for a total width of eight (8) feet; the new deck will also extend an additional fourteen (14) feet in length in order to cover the basement door; the finished deck will then be approximately 8 feet by 28 feet. This extension will help address some of the water that pools around the basement door.
- The roof will be extended over the new deck and match the existing roof.
- The new construction will include concrete footings, 6" x 6" posts and 2" x 8" floor joists, and 3/4" plywood decking covered with either a vinyl or Dura-deck coating to match the existing product on front deck; a new wood railing will be built that will be in keeping with the look of the existing railing.
- New wooden steps will be constructed to match the existing steps; new trim work, facias, gutters and shingles will match the existing ones.
- He would also like to reverse the existing window and door locations in the kitchen in order to allow for future kitchen renovations; he will replace the window and door with new ones. He has spoken with Vintage Woodworks and they could replicate the existing window with an opening thermal pane window.
- On the basement level, he will construct a retaining wall and steps and replace the existing double doors with a new door which will be insulated and have windows with muntin bars and blinds.
- If the Foundation approves of the proposed restoration work he will go ahead and have formal design plans drawn up and apply for a building permit.

A roundtable discussion ensued and the following was noted:

- A Heritage Alteration Permit may be required but we won't know until we see the formal building plans.
- The Heritage Foundation does not fund new construction but a portion of the deck could be funded if it's replacing the old deck; a new door and window would qualify for funding. Grant

funding will be determined by what materials have been restored/replaced.

- The proposed alterations are at the rear of the house, will not be visible from the street, and will make the existing house more livable.
- The new wood trim work should be reused or else replicated with the same profiles as the existing trim.
- It would be a good idea to send the new plans to the Archives for their records.

Foundation members approved in principle, the proposed restoration work as presented by the owner.

Mr. Greenard left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1950 LANSDOWNE ROAD (YOUNG BUILDING AND SURROUNDING LANDS) – SHARED USE BIKEWAY/WALKWAY

The Engineering Technician, (Design Services), stated:

- When the proposed design plan for the shared use bikeway/walkway for the north side of Lansdowne Road from Foul Bay Road to Shelbourne Street was presented at the October 2014 Saanich Heritage Foundation meeting, Foundation members were of the opinion that using asphalt as a surface material was not sympathetic to the heritage character of the designated lands fronting the Young Building.
- Foundation members suggested that perhaps a different surface material such as a colored stamped asphalt in a cobble stone or paving stone pattern could be used fronting the Young Building so that the heritage character is retained.
- Staff took the comments and suggestions under advisement and have developed an alternative option that addresses the heritage aspect of the proposed bikeway/walkway.
- Typically asphalt is a standard surface material as there are no joints or seams and it is more inviting for cyclists.
- Staff are suggesting that asphalt still be used but that a twelve inch (12”) wide border along both sides such as exposed aggregate, be used to create a heritage flavor; the pathway will still be four (4) metres wide including the border.

A roundtable discussion ensued and the following was noted:

- Perhaps a stamped asphalt in a different color would be less complicated than adding a border and may be more cost effective.
- Colored asphalt (not stamped) is extremely expensive.
- A contrast border will help address safety issues.
- Tree roots can heave a pathway and asphalt is more malleable than concrete.
- Stamped asphalt or concrete can be a nuisance for cyclists as it is uneven.
- Saanich has a right-of-way agreement with the College and once it has been finalized, staff will apply for a Heritage Alteration Permit.

MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by R. O’Connell: “That the Saanich Heritage Foundation supports a 4 metre wide shared use bikeway/walkway along the north side of Lansdowne Road with asphalt used for the interior surface material with a 12 inch exposed aggregate/concrete border.”

CARRIED

1248 BURNSIDE ROAD WEST (STRANTON LODGE/HALL HOUSE) – UPDATE

The President stated:

- He made arrangements for an electrician to replace the smoke alarm at the convenience of the tenant.
- The tenant contacted him and asked that pest control come out and set some traps as they have a rat problem again.
- Victoria Garden Sprinklers winterized the irrigation system and he spoke with them about installing a new remote controller and mounting it at eye level on the bird house pole at a cost of \$465 plus GST.

MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by R. O’Connell” “That a new irrigation remote controller be installed at Stranton Lodge by Victoria Garden Sprinklers at a cost of \$465 plus GST.”

CARRIED

The Secretary was asked to contact Victoria Garden Sprinklers and make arrangements. She was also asked to contact the pest control company.

4139 LAMBRICK WAY (DODD HOUSE) – UPDATE

S. Colwill stated:

- She mentioned at the previous meeting that the tenant had asked if she could keep a few chickens and members agreed that it is not permitted; she subsequently advised the tenant.
- Trevor from Arbor Renovations will be cleaning the gutters at both Dodd House and Stranton Lodge.

A. Jani left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

TREASURER’S REPORT – UPDATE

There was no Treasurer’s report.

820 ROGERS AVENUE (DESIGNATED – HUTCHISON PROPERTY) – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING/GARAGE ON THE PROPERTY – FOR INFORMATION

The Planner stated:

- A building permit was submitted in order to construct an accessory building/garage on the property (the land is not designated).
- The owners are proposing to construct the building at the rear of the property which will minimize any impacts from the road and park paths; the building will not impact the heritage designated dwelling.
- Rezoning is not required and a heritage alteration permit is not required.
- An environmental development permit is required; tree preservation measures will be taken and there should be no negative impacts to the trees or their growing environment within the adjacent park.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS – DODD HOUSE AND STRANTON LODGE

Correspondence from the Finance Department dated November 4, 2015 advising that Council approved a four year permissive tax exemption for 4139 Lambrick Way (Dodd House) and 1248 Burnside Road West (Stanton Lodge). The exemption will expire after the 2019 taxation year.

MUNICIPAL HALL – INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR LANDSCAPE DESIGNATION - UPDATE

The President stated:

- He attended the November 2, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting and spoke in favor of the proposed designation of the interior and landscape features.
- There was some discussion amongst Council whether to exclude the Council Chambers from designation at this time due to some proposed renovations which are being contemplated and then designate it once the renovations are completed.
- Apparently there are some changes planned for the dais and potential lighting upgrades although the Foundation has not seen any concept plans.
- There is a Public Hearing scheduled for November 17th and it is important for Foundation members to attend and speak in favor of the proposed designation for both the interior and exterior landscape features.

MUNICIPAL HALL - PROPOSED 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR SANDERS

- Plans to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Municipal Hall are well underway: December 1 – 6:00 to 6:45 pm – guided tours of the Municipal Hall; 7:00 pm – Special Council meeting and unveiling of the commemorative sign; reception to follow.
- November 17 there is a Public Hearing to consider the heritage designation of the interior elements of the Municipal Hall and exterior landscape features; the November 2 Committee of the Whole discussion revolved around the designation preventing future renovations of the Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Saanich Heritage Foundation will be held **Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** in **Committee Room #2.**

..... CHAIRPERSON