



Heritage Advisory Commission

July 23 2015, 1:30 pm, Municipal Hall

Members Present: S. Johnson, M. Trainer, D. Inglis, D. Gregory, Councillor Barkwill

Members Absent: D. Hill

Municipal Staff: I. McIntosh

Public Present: M. Walde, L. Butler, J. Arendt

1. Call to Order: 1:31 pm
2. Adoption of Minutes of June 17 2015 M Trainer/D.Inglis CARRIED
3. Adoption of Agenda as amended S. Johnson/ M. Trainer CARRIED
-move correspondence to the first item.
4. Delegation: none
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. The letter, dated June 30 2015 from Mayor Waterman was discussed. The letter stated that “there was no evidence to indicate that there is an agreement for a running track.” For clarification the Commission gave municipal staff and Council a copy to the adopted resolution and the document that Council agreed to. One member of the Commission asked who has the power to approve a portion of the agreement yet not all of the agreement. Is it an elected position or a staff member ?
 - b. Members D. Hill and D. Gregory met with the General Manager of the KVSr and KVSr Society president Doug Clayton regarding a plan for the West Summerland Train station and roadway markings to assist tourists to the railway site.

MOTION: DIRECT D. GREGORY TO DISCUSS IDEA WITH MARKETING PERSON, OBTAIN COSTS AND IF THERE ARE OTHER SIMILAR NON-PROFIT SOCIETIES.

M. Trainer/S. Johnson CARRIED

- c. Commission has not heard from Rotary regarding the replacement of the sign at the wharf in Lowertown
- d. Preservation of municipal records. Apparently records are only kept 7 years and then destroyed. According to I. McIntosh this is the direction given by FOI and the Corporate Officer. The Museum has expressed concerns of loss of municipal records. It is not simply heritage items, but all municipal activities are part of Summerland’s heritage

MOTION: DIRECT D. GREGORY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES.

M. Trainer/D.Inglis CARRIED

6. New Business

- a. Treasurer’s report: \$834.97
- b. I. McIntosh reviewed the staff report (July 27 2015) about a Heritage Conservation Bylaw for Lot 1, DL455, ODYD Plan 791, 5505 Butler as heritage property. Three options were discussed
 - OPTION #1 HERITAGE LIST:** this is the current approach with minimal authority
 - OPTION #2 COMMUNITY HERITAGE REGISTRY:** minimal authority but allows local government to designate heritage status within 60 days
 - OPTION #3: DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY AS HERITAGE**each option has benefits and disadvantages. Heritage designation creates requirements by the building owner. In this case the Presbyterian Church did not purchase this building from the Summerland Masons, until the heritage registration was removed. Summerland has the largest number of heritage buildings or any community in the Okanagan Valley but only one building (the George Ryga home) was heritage

registration. The Ryga home owner no longer receives any grant money for its heritage registration status. A member of the public in attendance, with a heritage home also echoed the concerns of restrictions and requirements of registered home owners.

A member of the Commission explained that a **FOURTH OPTION** is available. Previously the Commission presented Council and municipal staff with the concept of **HERITAGE ZONING**. The intent of heritage zoning is to increase the value of a heritage property by increasing permitted uses of the property (commercial, lawyer's office, art gallery) , reducing the tax rate on the property, reduce the requirements of commercial use (reduce parking requirements, increase density etc).

A member of the public (Mick Harper) contacted the Commission and suggested that the building could be used as an Art Gallery. A member of the Commission asked I. McIntosh the plans for the new library and the displacement of the Art Gallery. Apparently there was no long term plan to create a new art gallery

MOTION: WHATEVER ACTION THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS, FIRSTLY THE OWNERS OF THIS PROPERTY BE INFORMED ON WHAT THE COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING.

D. Gregory/ S. Johnson **CARRIED**

To repeat, the Presbyterian Church purchased this building from the Summerland Masons, subject to removal of its 1984 heritage registration.

MOTION: FOLLOWING THE PROPERTY OWNERS BEING INFORMED OF THE COMMISSION'S INTENT : THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 967 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CREATING A HERITAGE CONSERVATION BYLAW, DESIGNATING LOT 1, DL 455, PLAN 791 LOCATED AT 5505 BUTLER STREET AS HERITAGE PROPERTY.

M. Trainer/ S. Johnson **CARRIED**

MOTION: THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT OTHER METHODS OF PROTECTION OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS, SITES AND TREES BE EXPLORED.

S. Johnson/ D. Inglis **CARRIED**

MOTION: THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE DISTRICT DEVELOP A MORE FORMAL HERITAGE PROGRAM TO PROTECT HERITAGE BUILDINGS, SITES AND TREES.

D. Inglis / S. Johnson **CARRIED**

7. Correspondence: letter from Mayor Waterman

8. Adjournment: 2:59 pm

Certified Correct



Chair



Vice-Chair