



Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom
Wednesday, July 7, 2021
at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Brad Hillis, Chair
Karen Collins, Vice Chair
Anne Hargrave
Blake Allen
Gerald Buzzell
Nicole Ensing
Viv Lieskovsky

Council Liaison: Judy Sentes, Councillor

Staff: Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Dennis Oomen, Museum Manager
Kelsey Johnson, Manager of Recreation, Arts, and Culture
Nicole Capewell, Planner
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant
Heather MacDonald, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Jeanette Beaven

1. **Call to Order**

The Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 1:01 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on July 7, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the April 7, 2021 Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Volunteer Week Proclamation from Council

The Director of Development Services highlighted National Volunteer Week and thanked the Committee members for volunteering and their service to the community.

4.2 Gyro Park Safety and Security Changes to the Gyro Bandshell

The Director of Development Services discussed issues and past initiatives related to the Gyro Bandshell security, noting that Council supported installing fencing at the Bandshell. He then highlighted the recommendations of the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Report including: permanent fencing with signage, increased lighting and signage, CCTV cameras and regular patrols.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. A Committee Member commented that the cost and look of the fencing were not appropriate and that better signage would be helpful. Another Committee Member commented on the ongoing maintenance required for the Gyro Bandshell, and expressed interest in applying to have it added to the BC Heritage List in order to potentially obtain funding – noting that they believe the annual deadline is in May. Staff commented that they would look into this possibility. A Committee Member commented that any security measures taken would ideally be with minimal impact on the structure. Staff commented on the simplicity of setting up and removing the current fencing. A Committee Member expressed concern that the fencing does not seem welcoming from a community perspective. It was asked how effective the current fencing has been in deterring undesirable uses of the Bandshell, and staff responded that the number of complaints has been much lower. The Council liaison commented that Council approved the fencing on a temporary basis and staff added that the cost of operation will increase as events resume in the Bandshell. Committee members asked about the possibility of different fencing options that may be easier to setup and take down or be more aesthetically appealing.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the current temporary fencing at the Gyro Park Bandshell remain until alternative options can be investigated and recommended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Request to Remove the Colquhuon Residence (524 Lakeshore Dr.) from the Penticton Heritage Registry

The Director of Development Services discussed the request from the property owners to remove the Colquhuon Residence (524 Lakeshore Dr.) from the Penticton Heritage Registry, noting that removing the property from the registry is not necessary for redevelopment and that there are not any hardships associated with being on the registry. Staff recommended that this property not be removed from the Penticton Heritage Registry.

The property owner provided their input, noting that other development on Lakeshore Drive makes do not align with the Official Community Plan (OCP) and has changed the nature of the neighbourhood. They feel that they will not be able to financially maximize the value of their property if they are on the registry as that there is no benefit to them.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. A Committee Member commented that they feel that property owners were made aware that their properties were being added to the Heritage Registry and that it does not prevent redevelopment. The property owner asked what the benefits are to being on the Heritage Registry. Staff commented that being on the Heritage Registry opens up the opportunity of obtaining grants and the possibility of tax relief, with no major detriments associated with being on the registry. Staff commented that some of these benefits require covenants and longer term protection in order to be received, and that it would be dependent on if the City wanted to partake in such an agreement.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee recommend Council not remove 524 Lakeshore Drive from the Penticton Heritage Registry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 BC Heritage Grant Application Update

The Museum Manager notified the Committee that they have been awarded a grant of \$2,000 from the BC Heritage Grant Application, noting that the initiative included two components: a museum exhibit and an external component in which plaques are put up at heritage properties that would like them. This will be done in an effort to increase heritage awareness.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on August 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

6. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on July 7, 2021 at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



John Schappert
Legislative Assistant