

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

Committee Members: B. Clark; M. Geller; P. Grossman; P. Hundal; D. Parr, A. Van Hoek, J. Mawson. Absent: L. Anderson.

Council Liaison: N. Gambioli.

Staff: M. McGuire, Staff Liaison; D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services; C. Rosta, Cultural Services Manager; J. Wong, Manager, Facilities & Assets; and L. de Jesus, Recording Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 1, 2020 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting agenda be amended by withdrawing Item [3];

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

REPORTS / ITEMS

3. Ferry Building Restoration Project

D. Niedermayer confirmed that the District received grant funding to restore the Ferry Building. The restoration will focus on existing floor space and include gender neutral washrooms. The requirement of the washrooms is tied to the approval of the grant funding. The scope of work includes removal of hazardous waste; envelope and window deterioration; seismic and code upgrade; lighting; interior and exterior walls; and new exterior stairs. The building will be raised to required flood construction level. Staff is meeting with this committee to gain input on the location of the washrooms.

J. Wong introduced consultants M. Ehman of DA Architects + Planners, and K. Cummer of Cummer Heritage Consulting.

M. Ehman and K. Cummer went through a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following:

- Project Objectives:
 - Rehabilitation of the building
 - Raising the building above the flood construction level (approximately 5 ft. above existing grade)

- Provision of public washrooms
- Heritage Character-Defining Elements (CDEs)
 - setting
 - scale
 - public use
 - façade
 - design
 - cross-gable roof
 - smaller gables
 - windows
 - clock
- Selection Criteria
 - Primary: Minimize impact on the Heritage Resource
 - Other considerations: public access to washrooms; impact on building functions; visual prominence of building
- Washroom Location Options
- Heritage Evaluation of the Options

K. Cummer stated that all washroom options are viable but there are preferable options based on a purely heritage perspective.

The committee held a round table discussion following the presentation. The committee expressed varying concerns about having an additional structure attached to the building as it would interfere with the heritage value of the building and its viewscape. Discussion ensued questioning the building requirements for a heritage project including the need to have the washrooms raised to the flood construction level (i.e. could an exception be made to maintain the heritage integrity of the building and allow the washrooms to be located at existing grade). A separate structure for the washrooms independent of the building was the preference.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee does not support the washroom options presented as they compromise the heritage character of the Ferry Building.

CARRIED

4. Klee Wyck Building

C. Rosta provided an update. On September, 2020, a report will go to Council with the recommended Klee Wyck Site 2020-2029 Plan. If the recommendations are approved, the site will be remediated for public park use in 2021. An additional \$170,000 will be requested for further short-term work including, but not limited to, addition of interpretive trails, removal of glass greenhouses, and remediating the site to green space. Funding in the amount of \$150,000 was already approved for this project allocated for demolition work. Long term planning will be coordinated with an update to the Arts & Culture Strategy in 2024.

Some members of the committee recently had the opportunity to tour Klee Wyck and provided comments based on the tour:

- The main house has a significant amount of mold and the roofline is compromised.
- There is no signage to direct the public to Klee Wyck. More prominent signage placed on Taylor Way and Keith Road would be beneficial.

The committee held a round table discussion and it was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee supports the Arts Facilities Advisory Committee's Klee Wyck 2020-2029 Plan with the following comments:

- that more prominent wayfinding and interpretive signage be incorporated into the plan;
- that the heritage trees and plantings be preserved and featured on the site;
- that the caretaker's home be considered for heritage retention and restoration at a later stage; and
- that the area where the greenhouses are to be removed be remediated.

CARRIED

B. Clark opposed

J. Mawson left the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and did not return.

A. Van Hoek left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and did not return.

5. Workplan Update

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. HRA Projects / Updates

M. McGuire reported that the Beaton House was not listed in the District's Community Heritage Register and therefore the demolition application proceeded without staff or Council intervention.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No members of the public were present.

8. NEXT MEETING

Staff will confirm the next committee meeting date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

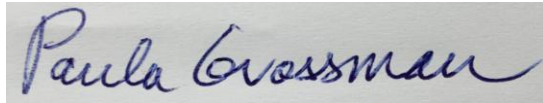
It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the September 1, 2020, Heritage Advisory Committee meeting (open session) be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chair

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Staff Liaison