

REPORT
1996 FEBRUARY 19

CITY OF BURNABY
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: "ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY HERITAGE
COMMISSION FOR 1995

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

REPORT

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 1996 January 24 received the attached report providing a summary of activities of the Commission during 1995.

The report is now submitted to Council for information purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Doreen Lawson,
Chair

Councillor Doug Drummond,
Vice Chair

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DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

1996 January 24

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR 1995

PURPOSE: For the information of the Community Heritage Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT* this report be received for the information of the Community Heritage Commission.

REPORT

Background:

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the activities of the Community Heritage Commission during 1995. This summary not only lists the recent activities of the Commission related to the management, interpretation and understanding of our history, but may also serve as a basis for discussion about priorities for work in 1996.

In 1995 the name of the Heritage Advisory Committee was changed to the Burnaby Heritage Commission as a result of changes to the Municipal Act.

Some of the key activities and projects over the past year include:

1. **Heritage Awards**

Burnaby celebrated National Heritage Week on 1995 February 20 to 26 through recognition awards to individuals, community groups and private businesses who have contributed to the appreciation of Burnaby's history. Included in these awards were the Patterson House restoration by a private developer, McLean Management; Thurston house restoration/conversion to five rental units by Lucas Anderson Construction and the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation; Gilmore Community Association for their work on heritage awareness in Vancouver Heights and their neighbourhood heritage tours; the construction of a new building in the context of a heritage neighbourhood by Mr. and Mrs. Mytkowicz at 4303 Oxford Street; the "Burnaby Centennial Anthology", a unique

collection of the stories from many Burnaby pioneers edited by Harry Pride, and the Anthology Committee and the Burnaby Historical Society. An award was also given to Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Limited for the North Road interpretive plaque project, which they donated, to interpret the history of one of the earliest roads in the Lower Mainland.

2. Rehabilitation of the Edgar House

During 1995 major upgrading of Deer Lake Park's historic Edgar House has been taking place with the building obtaining major roof and structural repairs, painting of the exterior facade and sides by a film company and some necessary mechanical upgrading. With some interior work now in progress the building will be rented for income purposes in the Spring of 1996.

3. Eagles Estate

The acquisition of the Eagles' Estate on Deer Lake includes an unusual and significant Edwardian country garden which has been the subject of a major study. A management plan for the garden will be prepared in 1996. The Eagles' house is in the process of being upgraded and will be rented for income purposes in the Spring of 1996.

4. Private Heritage Buildings

Two private buildings were protected by Heritage Designation in 1995 including Overlynn Mansion at 3755 McGill Street and "The Gables" at 6445 Arbroath Street. Buildings at 6090 Wilson Street and 5573 Buckingham Avenue are in the process of negotiations for designation.

5. Heritage Week 1995

The Community Heritage Commission sponsored walking tours of Deer Lake during Heritage Week in February to promote awareness of Burnaby's history in an area rich with heritage.

6. Heritage Plaques

The Commission completed the Central Park Tramline project along the B.C. Parkway with the installation of bronze plaques and cairns at Central Park, Metrotown Station and Powerhouse Park with the assistance of the Province of British Columbia.

7. Deer Lake Meadows

Heritage Commission members toured the Deer Lake Park meadows with representatives of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Environment and Waste Management Committee and staff to look at the unique meadows which represent virtually the only remaining agricultural landscape in the upland portion of Burnaby which is also a significant animal and bird habitat area. This area which was developed by the inmates of Oakalla is considered to be an example of a cultural landscape.

8. Waterways of Burnaby Map /Creek Naming Project

The Waterways of Burnaby map was well received and went into a second printing. The purpose of this project is to identify and name all the historic creeks in Burnaby and was jointly initiated with the Environment and Waste Management Committee. Twenty-six historic names have been obtained from suggestions from the community and through research. A new brochure, intended to solicit names for the remaining 34 as yet unnamed creeks, has been prepared and is to be distributed to schools in the district.

9. Heritage Conservation Legislation

The Province has provided changes to the Municipal Act which will enable communities like Burnaby to expand our activities in the field of heritage and to enjoy the use of the most progressive legislation of this type in Canada. The Commission has reviewed the opportunities provided and will be pursuing this in the future.

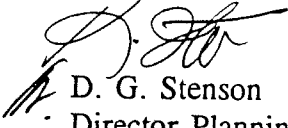
10. Central Park Bandstand Donation

The C.H.C. was very fortunate to receive a proposal for a donation from Mr. G. Smith and Mr. M. Fontanin of a reconstructed bandstand to replace one that once graced Central Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission has now approved a location and construction is expected to start in the near future.

Challenges and Projects for 1996

- Prepare a management plan for the Eagles' Garden in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Conduct a study of the heritage elements of Deer Lake Park for inclusion in the Deer Lake Park plan review.

- Completion of the Creek Naming project.
- Continue to upgrade and seek productive uses for several City-owned heritage buildings which are vacant or under-utilized.
- Continue the educational efforts and the plaquing program for the interpretation of buildings and sites.
- Investigate methods to encourage the retention and use of private heritage buildings especially those which are at risk.
- Support the development of an archives for Burnaby.
- Continue to improve our administrative policies and procedures regarding heritage management.
- Conduct a workshop session to review and update our "Heritage Strategy" document to reassess our priorities for the next two years.


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