

REPORT
1998 FEBRUARY 16

CITY OF BURNABY
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY
HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR 1997

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 1998 February 12 received the attached report providing a brief summary of the activities of the Commission during 1997 and describing various ongoing activities for 1998.

This report is submitted for the information of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Doreen Lawson,
Chair

Councillor Celest Redman,
Vice Chair

COPY: - CITY MANAGER
- DIRECTOR PLNG & BLDG.

TO: SECRETARY,
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

1998 FEBRUARY 12

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

Our File: 10.340.18

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY
HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR 1997

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

1.0 Introduction:

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief summary of the activities of the Community Heritage Commission (CHC) during 1997, and to describe some of the on-going activities for 1998.

2.0 Summary of Activities During 1997:

Activities and projects over the past year included:

2.1 National Heritage Week:

National Heritage Week was celebrated with a declaration by the Mayor. The bi-annual heritage awards were presented by Council for six projects that contributed to heritage efforts in the City. These awards included the Evelyn Salisbury Award to the Smith and Fontanin families for their donation of the Central Park Bandstand in Central Park; awards for building restoration to Bosa Development for the "Gables" at 6445 Arbroath Street; the Ferronato family for the restoration of 3555 Douglas Road; awards for new construction that respects heritage design to the Harrison family for the renovation of 4041 Cambridge Street and to the Piovesan family for the construction of a new house at 3766 Cambridge Street. An award was given to L. Evenden of SFU for the publication of "Suburb of Happy Homes".

2.2 Heritage Walking Tours:

Walking tours to promote the understanding of heritage buildings, gardens and sites around Deer Lake were held during Heritage Week and once in the early summer.

2.3 Private Heritage Building Projects:

The City was successful in obtaining agreement to preserve and restore two houses in conjunction with new apartment development at 6090 Wilson Street and 3765 Albert Street. These projects are presently under construction.

2.4 Federal Taxation Policy:

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has responded to the Heritage Commission's concern about Federal Government tax incentives that are provided which encourage the demolition (depreciation) of heritage buildings but do not provide similar benefits for restoration or upgrading. This problem is to be discussed with Federal officials through the FCM.

2.5 Deer Lake Park Heritage Resource Inventory:

The Community Heritage Commission published the "Deer Lake Park Heritage Resource Inventory in late 1998. This forty seven page book was researched, written and printed "in house " and provides the first comprehensive inventory of the historic resources that are unique to Deer Lake. The book contains historic information, as well as photographs from the archives, the Burnaby Historical Society, and Burnaby Village Museum. The inventory covers buildings and landscapes and has provided the information that is being utilized in the preparation of a management plan for Deer Lake.

(Copies of the book are to be made available to Council at the 1998 February 16 meeting)

2.6 Heritage Walking Tour Brochures:

The CHC has received an offer from a volunteer to assist in preparing a walking tour brochure for the Deer Lake area which is currently in preparation.

2.7 Plaque Program:

There is program to provide additional plaques in public locations to interpret the history of the City. One of the efforts is to co-ordinate with the Trans-Canada Trail program to provide interpretive sites along the trail in Burnaby.

2.8 Burnaby South 1914 School Building Upgrading:

The upgrading of this presently vacant building for use as a community hall is being coordinated by the Civic Development Committee. Upon completion of the basic upgrading work, the CHC hopes to pursue funding to restore some of the exterior details on the building which have been damaged or removed over the years.

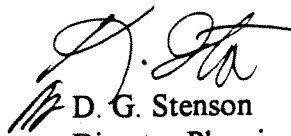
2.9 Administrative Procedures:

Planning and Building Department staff are in the process of transferring the preliminary list of heritage buildings to the new Permit Plan system that will allow easier retrieval of information for both owners and staff regarding heritage sites.

3.0 **Activities and Projects for 1998:**

In 1998 a number of heritage activities are being considered:

- Eagles' Garden study to look at future use of the site, and its maintenance and restoration.
- Designation of the Eagles' House and the Walker House on Sperling Avenue.
- Study of the Ceperley House and the restoration and use of the heritage buildings around the Art Gallery complex.
- Completion of the Deer Lake Management Plan (by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department).
- Study of the General Chemical houses in the historic Barnet townsite area.
- Publication of the Deer Lake and other heritage walking tour brochures.
- Participation in "Hats Off Day" (The Heights).
- Local implementation of the Trans-Canada Trail.
- Review of heritage inventory.


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