



## **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

## SUBJECT: HERITAGE BC ANNUAL CONFERENCE, VICTORIA, B.C. - 2010 JUNE 03 - 05

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

 THAT Council authorize up to four (4) Community Heritage Commission members to attend Heritage BC Annual Conference to be held in Victoria, B.C. on 2010 June 3 - 5 at an approximate cost of \$4,000.

## **REPORT**

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 2010 April 01, received information from Heritage BC regarding upcoming Annual Conference. The Commission members expressed an interest in attending the Conference, which is to be held in Victoria, B.C. on 2010 June 3 - 5.

Heritage BC organizes an annual conference with a focus on a different heritage theme. It offers a great opportunity to hear keynote speakers, participate in workshops, raise community issues and attend the Annual General Meeting. Held in a different city every year, the annual conference also includes guided tours to explore the important heritage sites of the host community. Recent achievements across the Province are recognized at the Annual Awards ceremony and banquet.

The 2010 Heritage BC Annual Conference will highlight the heritage conservation movement. Thursday's workshop will focus on condition surveys for historic structures. This session builds understanding of the essential role a condition survey plays in conservation planning and decision-making for historic places.

Friday's program will feature the values-based approach for heritage conservation, and an afternoon tour of St. Ann's Academy and the Crystal Garden in the Humboldt Valley (one of Victoria's most significant historic precincts).

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Saturday's morning session will provide an overview of Victoria's comprehensive heritage program, and some of the innovative new approaches to community engagement integrating heritage and sustainability values into the Official Community Plan. In the afternoon there will be downtown tours to Lower Yates or the Hudson; Beacon Hill Park, Ross Bay Villa and Cemetery or Emily Carr House.

Arising from discussion, the Community Heritage Commission requested that Council authorize up to four (4) Community Heritage Commission members to attend the Heritage Society of BC 2010 Annual Conference at an approximate cost of \$4,000. The funds will be allocated from the Committees, Boards and Commissions budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Colleen Jordan Chair

Councillor Anne Kang Vice Chair

Councillor Richard Chang Member