

Present:

Councillor Stutt, Chair
Commissioner Himler
Commissioner Lou
Commissioner Priddy
Commissioner Ring

Absent:**Staff Present:**

K. Hardie, Manager, Heritage Services
K. Baglo, Heritage Planner
B. Haney, Transportation Engineer
A. Yahav, Legislative Services Assistant
V. Ng, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTIONS**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy
Seconded by Commissioner Lou
That the agenda of the Surrey Heritage
Advisory Commission meeting held on July 10, 2024, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes

It was Moved by Commissioner Lou
Seconded by Commissioner Himler
That the minutes of the Surrey Heritage
Advisory Commission meeting held on June 12, 2024, be adopted.
Carried

B. NEW BUSINESS**1. PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE****(a) Summary of 2024 Field Trip Sponsorship**

The Manager, Heritage Services summarized the report dated June 28, 2024, which summarizes the Field Trip Sponsorship program in 2024. The following information was highlighted:

- The school field trip initiative, first approved by the SHAC in March 2017, increases access for students living in low-income neighbourhoods in Surrey to visit the City's heritage facilities.
- During the 2023/24 schoolyear, subsidies supported by the SHAC allowed eight school groups to visit in-person education programs at Historic Stewart Farm and Museum of Surrey. This amounted to \$2, 913.17 for the year.

In response to questions from the Commission, staff provided the following information:

- Simon Cunningham Elementary, Riverdale Elementary, Holly Elementary, and Beaver Creek Elementary were the school groups that participated in the field trip program.
- This program prioritizes schools situated in lower-income communities.
- Totest Aleng Indigenous House will become a field trip site as part of this program in the 2024 - 2025 school year.

It was Moved by Commissioner Ring
 Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission receive the report dated June 28, 2024, which summarizes the Field Trip Sponsorship program in 2024, for information.
Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Lou
 Seconded by Commissioner Himler
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission transfer funding in the amount of \$2,913.70 for eight in-person field trips to the Museum of Surrey and the Historic Stewart Farm and two bus rentals.
Carried

It was Moved by Commissioner Ring
 Seconded by Commissioner Lou
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission continue the Field Trip Sponsorship program in 2025.
Carried

2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Heritage Plaque Program Phase 3 – Potential Heritage Plaques for City-Owned Buildings at Museum of Surrey Campus

The Heritage Planner summarized the report dated June 27, 2024, regarding the Heritage Plaque Program Phase 3:

- At the March 13, 2024 SHAC meeting, the Commission allocated the necessary funds to install six heritage plaques for the City-owned, protected heritage buildings at Historic Stewart Farms.

- Staff proposes that the SHAC allocate up to \$4,000 from the Unrestricted Reserve for Future Expenditure to cover the cost of plaque installations at 1881 Town Hall, the Anderson Cabin, and Old Anniedale School.

It was Moved by Commissioner Lou
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
That the SHAC:

1. Receive the report dated June 27, 2024 for information;
2. Review the attached list of protected heritage properties recommended for plaque production and provide feedback to staff; and
3. Allocate up to \$4,000 from the Unrestricted Reserve for Future Expenditure for the cost of heritage plaque production and installation for up to three City-owned protected heritage buildings located at the Museum of Surrey Campus.

Carried

**(b) Currie-Johnson House (17378 - 60 Avenue)
Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw (HRA)**

The Heritage Planner summarized the report dated July 2, 2024, regarding the Currie-Johnson House on 17378 - 60 Avenue:

- The proposed HRA for the Currie-Johnson House, located at 17378 - 60 Avenue, includes a rezoning from Single Family residential Zone to Comprehensive Development, subdivision, and a development for form and character to allow for the construction of eight regular townhouse units.
- The Currie-Johnson House is proposed to be relocated to the north-west corner of the site and will serve as one of nine proposed residential units.
- This plan intends to retain the historic value of the property through window rehabilitation and a chimney reconstruction with new, matching bricks.

In response to questions from the Commission, staff provided the following information:

- The Currie-Johnson House is not yet a protected heritage property.

- Staff foresee that the alternative to this proposal would be to demolish the Currie-Johnson House by developers.
- Since the heritage property is situated at the centre of the site, it is necessary to relocate it to the corner to allow for development of the area.

The Commissioners made the following comments:

- Staff was commended for the treatment of the public realm around the heritage house.
- The Commission appreciates the plan for its ability to focalize the heritage house as a prominent and distinctive building.
- The value of revitalizing the Currie-Johnson House in this way to protect the property from a potential demolition was reiterated.

It was Moved by Commissioner Himler
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
That the SHAC:

1. Receive the report dated July 2, 2024 for information; and
2. Recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development Department, that the HRA Bylaw for the Currie-Johnson House be forwarded to Council for consideration following review by Legal Services and the City Architect.

Carried

3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT and PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

(a) Wright House at 15265 - 16 Avenue Financial Contribution in Lieu of Heritage Retention

The Heritage Planner and Manager, Heritage Services summarized the report dated July 2, 2024 regarding the Wright House at 15265 - 16 Avenue:

- In lieu of the protection of the Wright House, the applicant of Development Application No. 7923-0239-00 is extending a goodwill gesture in the form of a \$50,000 cash contribution towards a project which promotes heritage in the city.
- The \$50,000 cash donation will be used to create storyboards in South Surrey and integrate Indigenous artwork and narratives into the design of new storyboards.

In response to questions from the Commission, staff provided the following information:

- Approximately fifteen storyboards are located in South Surrey.
- The developer, Polygon, is not receiving an incentive for this donation. It was considered a goodwill gesture in recognition of the lost heritage site, the Wright House.

The SHAC made the following comments:

- More parts of the city should be better-informed on and engaged with the storyboard program.
- Staff should consider disseminating the information about Polygon's donation to inspire other developers to engage in a similar way.
- The City should consider using a list of community associations registered in Surrey as a starting place for an initiative to more-widely publicize the storyboard program.

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy
Seconded by Commissioner Ring
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
receive July 2, 2024 for information.
Carried

The Chair initiated a roundtable of discussion to share strategies on community-building initiatives. The Commissioners shared personal testimonies of their own community-building initiatives.

(b) HAC Task List

The Heritage Planner informed the Commission that the Rothwell House roof project is now complete. The Heritage Planner presented images of the final roof project.

In response to questions from the Commission, the Heritage Planner provided the following information:

- The letter to the James Creighton House is still underway due to the myriad iterations of the letter between the Surrey Legal Department and the Surrey Planning and Development Department. The Surrey Legal Department is vigilant in their reviews to ensure that its legal standing holds in the event that the letter is contested in court.

- Heritage construction is generally more costly than other types of construction services.

The SHAC made the following comments:

- Staff could consider conducting an efficiency study proceeding the conclusion of the James Creighton House Task List item.

It was

report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Lou
Seconded by Commissioner Ring
That the SHAC receive the Task List

Carried

C. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at June 30, 2024

In response to questions from the Commission, staff provided the following information:

- The money in the Restricted Reserve is primarily from buildings that were destroyed and for which compensation for loss of heritage was paid in cash. The funds in the Restricted Reserve also comprehend donations.
- The Legal and Finance departments also advise that in order to spend the funds in the reserve, a policy must be created. If the funds are requested to be given to a third-party, a by-law must be made.
- The funds in the reserve, if used, may never be replenished, as its revenue comes from the compensation for the demolition of heritage buildings.
- The retention options for heritage sites moving forward will most likely resemble that of the Currie-Johnson House, whereby the heritage building serves as a unit or amenity building for a multifamily development.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

A roundtable discussion ensued as follows. Staff advised the Commission that public outreach is underway for the ongoing Memory Map project.

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Ring
Seconded by Commissioner Himler
That the SHAC meeting be adjourned.
Carried

The SHAC meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli,
City Clerk and Director Legislative Services

Councillor Stutt, Chairperson