

**Present:**

Councillor Stutt, Chair  
Commissioner Hilmer  
Commissioner Priddy  
Commissioner Ring

**Absent:**

Commissioner Lou

**Staff Present:**

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

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**A. ADOPTIONS**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was Moved by Commissioner Hilmer  
Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
That the agenda of the Surrey Heritage  
Advisory Commission meeting held on September 4, 2024, be adopted.  
Carried

**2. Adoption of the Minutes**

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE**

**(a) Orange Shirt Day**

The Manager, Heritage Services announced that an event in honour of Orange Shirt Day, a day recognizing the legacy of the Canadian Indian residential school system, is being held at Holland Park on September 27, 2024. This day will comprehend many events focused on truth and reconciliation.

**(b) Culture Days 2024: September 20 – October 13**

The Manager, Heritage Services presented a report dated August 23, 2024, regarding the 2024 Culture Days event. The following information was highlighted

- Culture Days is a province-wide initiative to celebrate art and culture. The City of Surrey, in collaboration with local artists and diverse cultural organizations, has developed a multi-day program to celebrate cultural diversity in the city.
- The City of Surrey 2024 Culture Days will be a multi-day event, beginning on September 20, 2024, and ending on October 13, 2024. Some events highlighted as heritage-focused are as follows:
  - The White Rock-Surrey Culture Crawl: The first White Rock and Surrey collaboration, focused on sharing art, culture, and music across cities. The crawl will comprehend two Surrey destinations, including the Historic Stewart Farm and the Totest Aleng: Indigenous Learning House.
  - Harvest Fair, held at the Historic Stewart Farm and Totest Aleng: Indigenous Learning House.
  - Filipino-Fest, held at the Museum of Surrey, aims to celebrate Filipino culture through food, music, crafts, performances, and stories told in Tagalog and English.
  - Campfire stories with Kwantlen poet, playwright, and storyteller, Joseph Dandurand, held at the Surrey Civic Theatre.
  - Mid-Autum Moon Festival, held at the Museum of Surrey, will be a learning opportunity for the various histories, customs, and traditions behind this Chinese celebration.
  - The Indo-Fijian culture event, held at the Museum of Surrey, will involve storytelling sessions, poetry, vendors, and other engaging activities.
- Staff will commence the public launch of the new Memory Map Online Heritage Tool at the Harvest Fair on September 21, 2024.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Ring  
Seconded by Commissioner Himler  
That the SHAC receive the report dated

August 23, 2024 for information.

Carried

(c) **Storyboard Updates**

The Manager, Heritage Services provided the Commission with several updates on the condition of existing storyboards and the process of creating new storyboards in Surrey:

- The Norwegian heritage storyboard is now in disrepair and is being moved to the top of the priority list for replacement. It is currently in the draft design phase with the City marketing team.
- The McMillan Expedition storyboard is currently in the draft design phase with the City marketing team. It will be shared with Semiahmoo First Nation for feedback before finalization.
- Staff will be presenting to the Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair Association in their upcoming meeting regarding storyboard installation at the Cloverdale Rodeo and Fair Grounds.
- The Historic Stewart Farm has undertaken a new project to add six site-wide interpretive signs. The intention of the interpretive signs is to share historical information and to foster conversations regarding the deep-seated connection of the site to the wider community. To that end, the two SHAC-owned storyboards currently at the Historic Stewart Farm will be removed.
- The new Historic Stewart Farm interpretive signs will have visual changes from the other storyboards around Surrey, including the addition of view ports, shelves, and hooks to increase active engagement with the content.

2. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

(a) **Gilley Summer Residence (2784 O'Hara Lane) – Demolition Permit Application**

The Heritage Planner summarized the report dated August 26, 2024, regarding a demolition permit application from the owners of the Gilley Summer Residence at 2784 O'Hara Lane:

- The Gilley Summer Residence is listed on Surrey's Community Heritage Register. The property is valued for both its historical association to the Gilley brothers and for its architectural design and aesthetic.
- Despite the owners of the site being made aware of the various financial incentives that exist for keeping the heritage home under a heritage revitalization agreement bylaw, they believe that retention is not an option due to the various structural and code issues with the residence: slanted floors, gaps in the logs, lack of heat, and outdated electrical systems.

- The City is presented with the following four options to proceed with the applicant:
  - **Option 1:** Order for temporary protection (60 days) (Section 606 of the Local Government Act),
  - **Option 2:** Withholding of demolition permits until other approvals issued (Section 605 of the *Local Government Act*),
  - **Option 3:** Heritage designation protection (Section 611 of the *Local Government Act*), or
  - **Option 4:** Document and demolish.

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

- The owner of the site inherited this property from a deceased family member.
- The current owner intends to build a new residence on the site.

The Commission expressed a preference for Option 2: Withholding of demolition permits until other approvals issued (Section 605 of the *Local Government Act*). The Commission expressed that they act in an attempt to preserve culture and heritage where possible.

It was Moved by Commissioner Himler  
Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission receive the report dated August 26, 2024, as information.

It was Moved by Commissioner Ring  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Commission recommends withholding of demolition permits until other  
approvals issued, pursuant to Section 605 of the Local Government Act.  
Carried

(b) **James Johnston House (6543 - 152 Street) – Demolition Permit Application**

The Heritage Planner summarized the report dated August 15, 2024, regarding a demolition permit application for the James Johnston House on 6543 – 152 Street:

- The Commission twice reviewed this demolition permit, first at the June 14, 2023 SHAC meeting and subsequently at the November 7, 2023 SHAC meeting.
- The owner of the site does not have immediate plans for the site if a demolition permit is granted.
- The applicant requests that the Commission again considers the following information and reconsiders their previous decisions to withhold the demolition permit until other approvals are issued, pursuant to Section 605 of the Local Government Act:
  - The Johnson House is not a single house lot but part of a 44-acre property.
  - In 2004, the house ceased to be used as a staff and caretaker's residence and was instead replaced with another residence that was located from the adjacent Porters Cove Townhouse Development. This house is adjacent to the Johnson House and uses the same driveway.
  - The Johnson House was then used for a few years for a music program and overflow accommodation by the college on-site.

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

- The Commission has twice decided to withhold the demolition permit. The applicant has not provided any new information since the last decision was made by the Commission at the November, 2023 SHAC meeting.
- The Surrey Legal Department has confirmed that the demolition permit can be withheld even without a building permit application being made.
- The owners of the site own a Christian Academy.
- Staff cannot confirm the magnitude of the changes made to the house since its conception.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Considering the applicant owns a Christian Academy, it is unlikely that a residential development would replace the current property. The Commission contends that a new building in place of the James Johnston House may benefit the students of the academy.
- The Commission expressed that public safety supersedes heritage retention and believes that the current state of the building poses an imminent safety hazard.
- The Commission believes that the state of the building is too far removed from its original state for it to be preserved.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hilmer  
 Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
 Commission receive the report dated August 15, 2024, as information.  
Carried

It was then Moved by Commissioner Ring  
 Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer  
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
 Commission recommend no longer withholding the demolition permit for  
 the James Johnston House, given that the house is in a condition of  
 disrepair and poses a public safety concern.  
Carried

**(c) Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment  
 Colebrook United Church (5441 – 125A Street)**

The Heritage Planner summarized the report dated August 26, 2024, regarding a proposed heritage revitalization agreement amendment for the Colebrook United Church, located at 5441 – 125A Street:

- The Church is listed on the Surrey Heritage Register, the Canadian Register of Historic Places, and is protected by the Heritage Revitalization Agreement By-law, 2000, No. 14014.
- Some of the key elements that define the heritage character of Colebrook United Church include its location on a treed lot; form, scale, and massing, specifically its A-frame roof configuration; cornerstone; original random ashlar stone walls, running straight across the front façade and curving into the side entry; and memorial stained-glass windows (removed).

- The proposed amendment seeks to increase the floor area ratio (FAR) from 0.30 to 0.48 to permit interior modifications and the addition of second storey floor space.
- The increased FAR will permit the addition of three classrooms, an upper-level gym, new stairwell, elevator accesses, and a universal washroom.
- The amendment also proposes to supplant the parking plan with the as-built parking lot which will also be improved to provide three bicycle parking spaces.

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

- The property is currently being used as a Muslim school.
- There have been no noted grievances or opposition regarding the proposed amendment from the community.
- The site meets all parking requirements.
- The current owners of the site have held ownership for at least six years.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Ring  
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission:

1. Receive the report dated August 26, 2024, as information; and
2. Recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development Department, that staff be directed to proceed with the preparation of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement Amendment for the Colebrook United Church.

Carried

**3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT and PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE****(a) HAC Task List**

The Heritage Planner provided the following HAC Task List updates:

- The Heritage Revitalization Agreement for the John Lamb House has received final adoption from council and will now be removed from task list.
- The Rothwell House has completed their painting project, and a cheque has been issued to cover the agreed-upon portion of the cost.

The Manager, Heritage Services proposed that the HAC Task List item, Photograph Display at Ops Centre, dated March 10, 2021, be amended by removing from the task list. Staff explained that the asset originally planned to display is no longer available and that relevant Surrey staff have not expressed interest in pursuing the project further.

It was  
Commission receive the HAC Task List report for information, as amended.

Moved by Commissioner Hilmer  
Seconded by Commissioner Ring  
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory  
Carried

**C. FINANCIALS****(a) Financial Summary as at July 31, 2024**

The Commission reviewed the financial summary as at July 31, 2024.

**D. ROUNDTABLE OF DISCUSSION**

A roundtable discussion ensued. The Commission respectfully acknowledged the profound work of Lucie Matich in the City of Surrey.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

This section had no items to consider.



**F. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Commissioner Ring

Seconded by Commissioner Hilmer

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Jennifer Ficocelli,  
City Clerk and Director Legislative Services

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Councillor Stutt, Chairperson