Minutes of the Heritage Commission Meeting held Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane, Bowen Island, BC.

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Chair
Melissa Harrison, Vice Chair
Allie Drake
Rob Forbes
Jack Little
Dave Pollard
Josephine Riley
Andrew Todd
Peter Vaisbord

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
Stefania Shortt, Committee Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
John Dowler (left at 7:51pm)

REGrets
Rondy Dike
Emma Chow, Island Community Planner 1

OPENING OF MEETING
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
1.1 Introduction of Late Items
It was Moved and Seconded
That the Heritage Commission approve the agenda for the May 25, 2017 meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
2.1 Minutes of the February 23, 2017 Heritage Commission Meeting
It was Moved and Seconded
That the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held February 23, 2017 be adopted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Judi Gedye expressed concerns regarding the two options provided by Metro Vancouver Parks for the Davies Orchard Revitalization project.
DELEGATION

4.1 John Dowler re: Heritage Loop Trail QR Codes

John Dowler, proponent of the Heritage Loop Trail project, provided a presentation regarding developing Bowen Trails using QR codes. Discussion ensued relevant to:

- Partnering with Metro Vancouver
- Heritage walking tours
- Increasing the size of the proposed trail signs
- Technology alternative to QR codes including Layar coding
- Promoting the heritage loop trail off-island
- Bowen Island Trail Map online feature
- Geo-fencing to identify landmarks on trails (Geo-Fence)

It was noted that John Dowler would be presenting the proposal to the Parks, Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

One committee member expressed concern that resources were being allocated towards experiencing history through phone technology rather than towards preserving actual heritage artifacts such as the Davies Orchard Cottages.

It was Moved and Seconded that the Heritage Commission support in principle the Heritage Loop Trail project as presented by John Dowler at the May 25, 2017 Heritage Commission meeting. CARRIED

(Andrew Todd in opposition)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Chair, Update re: Davies Orchard Planning

Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Chair, advised that the Metro Vancouver Parks Committee and Parks staff had come to Bowen Island to visit Crippen Park and had held an open Metro Parks Committee meeting at Municipal Hall on April 26, 2017. This meeting was also attended by members of the Bowen Island community. The two options for Davies Orchard under discussion were:

1) Open Space Focused Plan: Preserved 4 of the 10 cottages ($800,000)
2) Heritage Focused Plan: Preserved 6 of the 10 cottages ($1.3 mil)

Councillor Nicholson reviewed the steps involved in moving forward with the project: a May 2017 meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board, further public consultation in the summer, a meeting between Metro Parks staff and Bowen Island Municipal
Council, a decision by the Metro Vancouver Board regarding the recommended option, budgeting in the fall, and finally implementation in 2018. Discussion ensued.

**It was Moved and Seconded**

Whereas the Bowen Island Official Community Plan Policy 234 states that the “existing cabins in Crippen Regional Park have a heritage value derived from the Union Steamship era” and that “any efforts to restore and maintain the cabins will be encouraged and supported”; and

Whereas most of the approximately 200 Union Steamship Company cottages have been lost since the USC resort ceased operations; and

Whereas Davies Orchard contains the last remaining tract of cottages, with only 10 of the original 20 cottages remaining in the park; and

Whereas the cottages represent the only example of a steamship era holiday precinct that remains intact within British Columbia,

Therefore it be resolved that the Commission recommends that Council encourage the Metro Vancouver Board to put forward for public consultation, in addition to options presented at the Metro Parks Committee meeting of April 26, 2017, alternatives to retain and re-use all of the existing 10 cottages in Davies Orchard. CARRIED (Councillor Maureen Nicholson Opposed)

5.2 Peter Vaisbord re: Lieben National Historic Site Designation

Peter Vaisbord provided information regarding the process of applying to the federal government for national historic site designation and included a document that the City of Vancouver had submitted in order to achieve heritage designation for Chinatown. He noted that:

- There had been a two-year time frame between submission of the Chinatown proposal and designation
- Written consent of property owners (the provincial government in the case of Lieben) was required
- BIAC would support the historic site designation of Lieben

The Commission discussed the possible benefits of designation which included:

- Eligibility for grants that could support the implementation of site remediation, path restoration, trail building, informative signage and the possible construction of an amphitheatre
- Raising recognition and celebrating the location for its historical significance for the artistic community in Canada

Concerns included:

- Accessibility issues
• Ongoing maintenance

**Action Item:**

- Schedule a site visit to Lieben on a weekend in July 2017 (not July 15th) and invite PTGAC to join (Stef Shortt).

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Legislation and Incentives Subcommittee

Melissa Harrison, Vice Chair, provided a document that outlined heritage information from Victoria and West Vancouver.

6.2 Inventory Research Subcommittee

Not discussed.

6.3 Community Engagement Subcommittee

Not discussed.

### ORGANIZATION UPDATES

7.1 Bowen Heritage

Not discussed.

7.2 Bowen Island Museum and Archives

Rob Forbes provided images of the improvements being planned for the Museum and Archives site and updated the Commission on the following:

- Foundational work had begun including hooking up to Snug Sewer
- Planting and landscaping would begin in Fall 2017
- More fundraising would be required to support landscaping
- The large storage building could be beautified by creating an eyebrow roof featuring heritage style portals and photos.

7.3 Bowen Island Arts Council

David Pollard advised that the Bowen Island Arts Council would be presenting the draft Cultural Master Plan to BIM Council on Monday, May 29th, 2017, and that the plan included heritage recommendations. It was noted that Council was considering three other Master Plans that day in addition to a public art policy.

7.4 Metro Vancouver Parks

See Davies Orchard Item 4.1 above.

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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