Review of Heritage Commission Work to Date  
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Since its establishment in late 2015, the Heritage Commission has met on 12 occasions. The following chronology by meeting date provides highlights of key activities and decision points. Full agendas, minutes, and videos are available here: https://www.bowenislandmunicipality.ca/heritage-commission

Meeting 1 - January 28, 2016  
Initial meeting, review of Terms of Reference, receipt of background materials, election of chair

Meeting 2 - April 5, 2016  
Review of student-drafted heritage registry  
Decision to initially focus research on publicly-owned buildings and sites  
Compilation of OCP heritage-related references  
Review of requirements for Statements of Significance

Meeting 3 - April 28, 2016  
Guest Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Metro Vancouver  
Draft workplan

Meeting 4 - August 11, 2016  
Draft heritage values  
Review of Islands Trust book on island heritage buildings  
Review of Josephine Riley’s “Early History of Grafton Lake”  
Review of materials from Metro Parks engagement workshop  
Plan for sites walkabout (October)  
Struck three subcommittees: incentives, legislation, and community engagement

Meeting 5 - October 27, 2016  
Receipt of planner’s comments on workplan  
Draft 1 of heritage inventory  
Lieben presentation

Meeting 6 - November 24, 2016  
Further discussion of workplan and request to Council  
RES 16-363: That Council receive the Heritage Commission Work Plan for information and consideration in 2017 strategic planning, budget process, and staff workload review  
RES 16-364: That Council receive the Draft Heritage Registry for information and comment.

Meeting 7 - February 23, 2017  
Council decision re workplan: Not supported in Island Plan 2017
Review of First Nations heritage
Election of co-chairs

Meeting 8 - May 25, 2017
Loop Trail project presentation
Lieben walkabout (July 9)
Incentives summary (tax, building code, grant eligibility)

COMMITTEE MOTION:
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)

COUNCIL RESPONSE (June 12, 2017)
Whereas Metro Vancouver is currently undertaking a public consultation process in relation to the Davies Orchard Cottages and the two options identified; and
Whereas Bowen Island Municipal Council has supported Metro Vancouver in this process;
Therefore be it resolved that Council not consider the recommendation from the Heritage Commission meeting held May 25, 2017 to encourage the Metro Board to add to the two options already identified by Metro Vancouver Parks a third option to retain all of the Davies Orchard Cottages.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting 9 - September 18, 2017
Resubmit workplan

COMMITTEE MOTION
That the Heritage Commission recommend that Council review, discuss, approve and fund Option B of the Heritage Strategic Plan Work Program of 2018.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting 10 - February 15, 2018
Metro Board decision re Orchard November 15, 2017
Update on Heritage Trail
Not supported in Island Plan 2018

Meeting 11 - May 24, 2018
Work on Phase 1
Review of comparator communities’ heritage work

Meeting 12 - October 11, 2018
Metro Vancouver guests Jeff Fitzpatrick and Sylvia Pendle
Lieben Lands fact sheet

End of three-year term: Jack Little and Josephine Riley resigned (moved off island); Cathy Bayly, Allie Drake, Dave Pollard (non-renewal) New appointees: Judi Gedye, Peter Williamson

Supported in Island Plan 2019 Strategic Priority B3: Protect our unique island identity. Point 2: Engage the community in the development of a Heritage Strategic Plan.

Meeting 13 – May 7, 2019
Review of work to date and regrouping, given support in Island Plan 2019