

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL HALL
WEDNESDAY MARCH 31, 2021**

Committee Members: P. Grossman; P. Hundal; M. Geller; D. Parr; B. Clark, H. Nesbitt, J. McDougall; Absent: J. Mawson, L. Anderson

Council Liaison: S. Thompson

Staff: M. McGuire, Staff Liaison; C. Mayne, Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS the March 24, 2021 Order of the Provincial Health Officer on Gatherings and Events ("order") prohibits members of the public from attending committee meetings in-person until the order is rescinded or replaced;

WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver is required to prohibit in-person attendance at committee meetings pursuant to the order; and

WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver has enabled public participation at committee meetings via electronic means to ensure openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability, including via the use of live streaming (video and audio) for public viewing, and electronic communication facilities (video-conferencing software) for public participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 31, 2021 meeting be held without in-person public attendance.

CARRIED

Request to members: Please update your availability when Cindy sends out the invite for Committee meetings.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the March 31, 2021 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 24, 2021 minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

4. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Jason McDougal and Heidi Nesbitt. They are joining the committee as representative's from the Design Review Committee. We are looking forward to your input to the committee.

5. MODERN HOMES TOUR, HILARY LETWIN, ADMINISTRATOR/CURATOR, PARKS, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (30 MINS)

Hilary introduced herself letting the Committee know she has worked for the District since 2018. Staff have grown the annual Modern Homes Tour event significantly since starting in 2006. Last year we had to cancel the tour due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This year we have started the planning work early to allow for a virtual tour. We have a volunteer committee that helps us organize the tour. Every year we work with homeowners in West Vancouver and sometimes North Vancouver to open up their homes the second Saturday of July. 200 or 300 ticket holders usually attend over the course of the afternoon. The tour is intended to demonstrate the important role that West Vancouver has played in the West Coast Modernism movement. The tour features a variety of homes including older "untouched" homes, older homes that have had successful (sympathetic) renovations and newer architecturally significant homes as well. We have a lot of people that come back every year including people that travel from afar to attend.

We will be presenting the tour differently this year as opening up homes to 200 to 300 visitors would not be allowed. The tour will be presented as a film featuring 5 different homes. We are using the virtual format as an opportunity to showcase homes that normally would not be open for large groups. As well, the virtual format allows us to sell to a much broader audience. We have found some tremendous homes although the specific homes will not be released publically yet. We will do a "big reveal" in May via a press release and to our newsletter recipients. I would encourage everyone to sign up on our West Vancouver Art Museum webpage. The tour will be a one hour long film that ticket holders can stream and will be available starting July 10 with one week to watch it. We are offering tickets per household, \$50.00 and a student ticket for \$25.00. This is the Museum's primary fundraiser and we use the proceeds to host our school programs, our exhibitions and publications. Until April 15 we will offer early bird pricing at \$40.00 available for purchase on West Vancouver Museum website.

The committee went on to question the presenter and staff, with the presenter and staffs comments in *italics*.

How long will the film be?

We will be presenting 5 houses within the hour, 10 to 12 minutes per house. We have a really nice arrangement and will interview each of the owners. We will feature their take on the house and will also discuss architectural details of the homes.

Have you thought about opening it up to a question and answer zoom? So you have an opportunity to speak to homeowners.

Kay Meek will be hosting a screening and a Q & A session could be offered but will be dependent on the Public Health Orders.

How are you getting the word out?

Have a lot of people who have attended in the past and are repeat customers. Slowly we will be ramping up our social media to the press release in May and beyond. We are open to ideas if anybody has any suggestions please pass them along.

This is an excellent opportunity for raising awareness about heritage preservation. We have seen so many houses that have been demolished in West Vancouver. By doing the filming you have a permanent record of the home and its significance even if it does get demolished. The virtual format is a really positive move recognizing that the film exists as a record for the future. The new format should be considered as a permanent move.

6. MARK CHAN, DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER / DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Mark Chan presented a power point presentation describing the status of the work to consider heritage restoration of the Navy Jack House. Mark proposed to come back to the Committee at a future meeting to go over the 3 potential options for heritage restoration to receive comments.

7. HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATES

Staff updated that at Council on March 29, 2021 the temporary 60-day order of protection for 466 Hillcrest Street was approved.

8. WORKPLAN UPDATE

Michelle forwarded a template to the committee which included all the items from the "preventing heritage demolitions" Council report. The work program still needs work and is a first cut. We did receive written comments from John and Laura prior to today's meeting and those comment, changes and updates will be used to update the workplan prior to the next meeting.

The Committee went on to question staff, with staff comments in *italics*.

The Committee's role in identifying unknown heritage resources, would be to reach out to other heritage community groups and individuals. *That would be welcome and*

then the Community Planner would be in a coordination role. The Planner would be expected to act as a coordinator of the workplan items and in some instances they would play a lead role. The planner is a 0.5 FTE commitment, it is not a full time position. It would be expected that some of the workplan items will take time to complete.

Did you get many resumes for the position? *The posting has just closed and we will be reviewing shortly.*

B Clark offered to help Laura with reaching out to local community groups and representatives to come up with a list of unidentified heritage resources and offered to help with the case study development.

M. Gellar outlined what information he proposed to include in developing the case studies. The case study would include pictures of the finished project, an overview of the existing site and zoning compared to the approved development information, a summary of financial implications and a description of any lessons learned through the process. My interest is to share my experiences and encourage others to consider these types of projects.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

C. Reynolds thanked Mark Chan for his presentation and requested that members of the public be able to ask questions at the end of each item. Requested an update on the status of the Dawson House.

10. NEXT MEETING

April 28, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:04pm.



Paula Grossman, CHAIR



Michelle McGuire, STAFF LIAISON