

**CITY OF VICTORIA
HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

Present: Pamela Madoff, Chair
Steve Barber
Julie Br  h  ret
Doug Campbell
Katie Cummer
Lisa MacIntosh
Connie Quaedvlieg
Graham Walker

Absent: Shari Khadem; Hal Kalman

Staff: John O'Reilly, Senior Heritage Planner
Alison Meyer, Assistant Director, Development Services
Lauren Martin, Heritage Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at noon.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Meeting

Moved

Seconded

Carried

2. Announcements

- The "Art Deco in Victoria" talk on February 19th, presented by the Victoria Heritage Foundation in recognition of Heritage Week, is sold out.
- Duck's Block Update: On February 13th Council decided to advance the applications to a public hearing. Thank you to Katie Cummer for attending the meeting and addressing Council about the Panel's review of the HAV application.
- Northern Junk Update: No Committee of the Whole meeting date has been scheduled.

**3. 582 St. Charles Street
Heritage Alteration Permit with Variance Application No. 00020**

Attendees: Rein Rungus (owner)

John O'Reilly provided a brief introduction. There were no questions or comments from the Panel.

Moved

Seconded

That the Heritage Advisory Panel recommend to Council that Heritage Alteration Permit with Variance Application No. 00020 for 582 St. Charles Street be approved as presented.

Carried

4. **1009 Southgate Street
Heritage Designation Application No. 000190**

Attendees: Larry Hannant (owner)

John O'Reilly provided a brief introduction. Larry Hannant presented.

Panel Questions and Comments

- The Statement of Significance does an excellent job in outlining the history of the property; however, the format is not appropriate for submission to the BC Heritage Register. An SOS is not a history, but a statement of value; this SOS confuses the two. The current document can be refined to the standard format with the history appended. John O'Reilly will assist the applicant with the format.
- Since the property is a strata, is there a difference in the process? John O'Reilly: Consent to designate the property was received from each of the four owners rather than from a strata council as is done with larger developments.
- The building was converted to a strata in 1997; the strata is thanked for their commitment to retaining the heritage value of the building. For example, a third floor that was added under the roof did not require alterations to the exterior.

Moved

Seconded

That the Heritage Advisory Panel recommend that Council approve the designation of the property located at 1009 Southgate Street, pursuant to Section 611 of the *Local Government Act*, as a Municipal Heritage Site.

Carried

The Secretary left the meeting at 12:25 pm as the next two agenda items did not require minutes. The Secretary returned at 1:00 pm.

5. **Downtown Core Area Plan (DCAP) Technical Working Group**

Steve Barber gave an overview of the first DCAP Technical Working Group meeting. Most of the discussion at the meeting was about design guidelines for new buildings and setback requirements. One item raised was the potential impact of the guidelines and regulations on the character and scale of Fort Street. Some large-scale projects are proposed for Fort Street. Is this the objective for Fort Street? It would be unfortunate to lose the fine-grained scale of the street.

6. **Follow up to the February 13th Committee of the Whole meeting - Duck's Block Proposal**

- Applications such as the Duck's Block raise the same issues: façadism, architectural response to the heritage district, and financial pressures on heritage buildings. The Panel deals with these issues under the pressure of the application review. The Panel may benefit from a general discussion away from the regular meetings to discuss general principles and consider an approach before the review of such applications.

- Historically, orientation for advisory panels has not been particularly fulsome. Orientation could include information about policies and principles that are brought to bear in these applications. Could the Panel have a formal meeting to cover this foundational piece, i.e. what are the issues and what are the policies in play?
- John O'Reilly: A reminder that formal meetings must be accessible to the public and agendas must be published. It will need to be determined whether extra meetings fit into John's work program. Reports could include more content about policies and whether they are met by the proposal. John will review the Panel's Terms of Reference and discuss with Alison Meyer to determine what would work best.

Adjournment: 1:15 pm