

**CITY OF VICTORIA
HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2020**

Present

Panel Members: Pamela Madoff, Chair
Doug Campbell
Katie Cummer
Graham Walker
Shari Khadem
Steve Barber
Hal Kalman

Presenters: Marc-Antoine Default
Ryan Wyllie
Rhett Peterson
Richard Linzey

Absent: Julie Br      , Lisa MacIntosh

Staff: John O'Reilly, Senior Heritage Planner
Joaquin Karakas, Senior Urban Designer
Andrea Walker Collins, Planning Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Katie Cummer

Seconded by Doug Campbell

Carried Unanimously

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the May 12, 2020 Meeting

Motion to Adjourn needs a name correction

Moved by Doug Campbell

Seconded by Shari Khadem

Carried Unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Announcements

John O'Reilly thanked the HAPI members for their dedication of time and expertise to the City. The new HAPI members will be announced on June 25th, and orientation will take

place at the July meeting. Reminder that the Northern Junk project is on the Committee Of The Whole agenda for the upcoming June 11, 2020 meeting.

5. **501 Belleville Street - Legislative Security Improvements**

- John O'Reilly provided a history / background on the building and the original architect of the Legislative Assembly, Francis Rattenbury. Richard Lindsay and Joaquin Karakas were introduced as project contributors. This project preview is a courtesy to the HAPI, and information regarding it needs to remain confidential for now. The Legislative Assembly and its grounds are on the heritage register, but not designated and excluded from development permit and heritage conservation area 9: Inner Harbour. No City approvals or formal advice is required.
- Joaquin Karakas comments that this project was brought to the City urban design team as a perimeter security upgrade project. Discussions centered around burying the security features into a public realm improvement. The project team were very receptive to a recommendation to have a more organic design process. Subsequently the province hired a landscape architect to complete the project.
- The main intent of the project is to prevent a vehicle from entering onto and across the lawn. Upgrades of note include:
 - East / West paths introduced around the existing monuments.
 - Pedestrian permeability upgrades.
 - Seating edges / benches introduced, which is a correction to the area.
 - Bollards will be added to prevent vehicles from entering the lawn.
- John O'Reilly comments that at the July 14th HAPI meeting more technical details with a full design will be presented as a courtesy.

Questions & Comments:

- Steve Barber asks, what will the ground materials be?

Joaquin Karakas answers, granite pavers for the corners, with street names engraved. The planter walls will be granite and the sidewalks will be concrete.
- Katie Cummer asks, what is the reasoning for the tree removal?

John O'Reilly answers, unsure of reasoning for the tree removal, but will pass along request for information regarding the removal.
- Steve Barber comments, very impressed with what we've seen so far. It is a very thorough design concept and a great enhancement to the Belleville street area.
- Hal Kalman comments, regarding the moving of the Sir James Douglas monument. As a significant figure in BC history, the monument isn't given the prominence it deserves within the overall plan. Would like to know if the move and the display of the monument can be reconsidered.
- Richard Lindsey comments, that moving the Douglas monument is concerning. It is an important Classical structure with a base that is not visible as it is currently buried under the monument. If it's going to be moved, perhaps restoring its full base / height. This could be a positive outcome for the monument.

- Pam Madoff comments, the quality of the materiality is above City recommendations based on the Official Community Plan. The materials should harmonize with the Legislature. The existing building has locally procured materials. Would like more clarification on which trees will survive the upgrade.

Adjournment: 12:51 pm

Motioned by Katie Cummer
Seconded by Hal Kalman