

**CITY OF VICTORIA
HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2020**

Present: Pamela Madoff, Chair
Julie Br  h  ret
Doug Campbell
Katie Cumber
Hal Kalman
Shari Khadem
Lisa MacIntosh
Graham Walker

Staff: John O'Reilly, Senior Heritage Planner
Lauren Martin, Heritage Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at noon.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Meeting

Moved

Seconded

Carried

2. Announcements

- John O'Reilly introduced Karen Hoese, the new Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development. The Panel members were introduced.
- The Northern Junk applications (REZ and HAP) are scheduled for review by Council at the April 2nd Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Connie Quaedvlieg has resigned from the Panel. A replacement is not being sought as the current Panel's term ends on June 30th. A new Panel will be in place for the July 14th meeting. The application for membership will be emailed to current members who are eligible, the Victoria Heritage Foundation and the Hallmark Heritage Society. Current members are not eligible to reapply if they have served three consecutive terms.
- At the February 27th Committee of the Whole meeting, the Victoria Press Building applications (HD and TIP) were approved to move forward. At the same meeting, John O'Reilly provided Council with a summary of the Tax Incentive Program. Council did not request changes to the Program.
- There was extensive discussion about the impact of new development in heritage corridors.
 - The term "heritage corridor" is not used in the *Local Government Act*, but is used by the City in the *Official Community Plan*. A comprehensive definition of "heritage corridor" is needed.
 - Currently only applications for properties that are heritage designated or heritage registered and in a heritage conservation area are reviewed by the Panel.
 - The following motion was posed:

Motion

Seconded

That the Heritage Advisory Panel request that Council consider referring new applications in heritage corridors to the Panel for review.

Motion was withdrawn

- It was decided that the topic warranted more discussion as the request to Council is too broad. For districts where there is a distinct, dense area of heritage buildings, such as Old Town, the request is relevant; however, in a heritage corridor, such as Fort Street, there are sections without a cluster of heritage buildings. Applications for new developments that do not impact heritage context do not need to be reviewed by the Panel.
- As part of the *Downtown Core Area Plan* review, John O'Reilly will share the Panel's comments with Robert Batallas and Joaquin Karakas and update the Panel in April.

The Secretary left the meeting at 12:25 pm as the remaining agenda items did not require minutes.