



To: Planning Committee **Date:** January 31, 2006
From: Terry Crowe **File:**
 Manager Policy Planning
Re: **RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION 2005 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2006 WORK PLAN**

Staff Recommendation

That the Richmond Heritage Commission 2006 Work Plan (attached to the report dated January 31st, 2006, from the Manager, Policy Planning) be approved (see **Attachment 2**).

Terry Crowe
Manager, Policy Planning

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Staff Report

Origin

1. The Richmond Heritage Commission (RHC) is required to:
 - to present an Annual Report (see **Attachment 1**) to City Council, and
 - a Work Plan for the coming year (see **Attachment 2**).

Findings of Fact

Commission Purpose

The Richmond Heritage Commission (RHC) is appointed for the following purposes:

- to advise Council on strategies and programs for heritage conservation and promotion,
- to undertake and provide support for various planning matters with heritage implications,
- to assist with the maintenance of heritage registers and inventories, and
- to support heritage education and public awareness (e.g. Heritage Week, Newsletters, and Heritage Recognition Programs).

The Commission consists of:

- nine (9) voting members appointed for (2) year terms; and
- one (1) non-voting Council liaison.

Analysis

1. 2005 Annual Report

- The *2005 Annual Report* highlights key RHC activities undertaken in 2005 (see **Attachment 1**).

2. 2006 Work Plan

- The proposed *2006 RHC Work Plan* details significant and ongoing projects for 2006 (see **Attachment 2**). A high level of volunteerism, professionalism and commitment to heritage conservation and promotion in Richmond is clearly demonstrated.
- Staff recommend approval of the 2006 Work Plan

Financial Impact

The RHC receives \$5,000.00 in the City's Annual Base Operating Budget.

Conclusion

The Richmond Heritage Commission's:

- (a) 2005 Annual Report is presented; and
- (b) 2006 Work Plan is recommended for approval.



Terence Brunette, Planner
Policy Planning

Richmond Heritage Commission – 2005 Annual Report

Heritage Commission members: Wendy Andrews, Ray Froh, Teresa Murphy, Bob Ransford, Joanne Rocque, Mitch Sakamoto, Vera Smart, Graham Turnbull (Chair), Dana Westermark.

During 2005, the Heritage Commission met monthly. Under Chair, Graham Turnbull, the Commission provided advice to Council on heritage conservation and promotion matters and undertook and provided support for activities that benefit heritage in the City of Richmond.

Message From the Chair

In 2005 our primary goal was to continue to improve the quality of heritage programs in Richmond and to build on our successes. We began by developing an ambitious yet achievable work plan that would carry us to the end of 2005.

Our primary goal, at the request of the City, was to develop a vision for a Steveston Village Conservation Program with a long-term view of amending regulatory tools such as the Zoning Bylaw, Area Plan and Heritage Conservation Policy.

We began a participatory process for Steveston Village in early February 2005 through a two-day workshop funded by the BC Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts - Heritage Branch. It was led by representatives from the Heritage Branch and the planning community. Participants were a diverse range of stakeholders including the Heritage Commission, representatives from the Steveston Harbour Authority, local business and community groups. To build on this valuable foundation, the Commission required funding and (with staff) sought and received grants of \$75,000 from the Real Estate Foundation of BC, and \$25,000 from Smart Development Partnerships. There is a probable commitment for \$20,000 from the BC Heritage Branch. The Commission is pleased to acknowledge the City of Richmond's commitment of \$50,000 in support of this initiative.

1. **Community Focus:** A major objective was to continue to improve the community's understanding of heritage and to keep residents and businesses informed about city heritage initiatives. We did this through:
 - a *bi-annual newsletter*, *Mouth of the Fraser*, which focused on heritage sites, homes, walking tours and events;
 - a *heritage week display* at the Aberdeen Mall with the theme, Heritage of Sacred Places. Heritage Awards were presented to the Lutheran church, Maureen and Ron Hyde and the owners of the Ransford House on Railway Avenue;
 - participation in the *Richmond School Heritage Fair* by judging submissions;

- participation in the *Steveston Community Open House* including distributing a heritage questionnaire;
- continuing the *Oral Histories Project*, taping interviews with pioneers;
- review of *Steveston Village development applications* for the Lawson house at London Landing and for the former Nobby's Garage site 11991 No. 1 Road and 3931 Chatham Street.

2. Heritage Register:

- The Commission actively worked to ensure properties were identified, researched and proposed as additions to the Heritage Register. These included: the Rathburn House, 5780 No. 7 Road; Ray's Dry Goods, 3831 Moncton Street; the Cannery House, 2680 River Road; the Cannery House and Store, 2680 River Road, the Edwardian cottage 2680 River Road, the Goldie Harris House, 11620 No 4 Road. Research has been completed and staff will bring forward the report to council.

3. Education: To ensure commission members have adequate knowledge, the following workshops were offered:

- a two-day workshop in February on heritage visioning for Steveston;
- a one-day workshop in September on local government incentives for heritage conservation; and
- tours of the Abercrombie house, the Goldie Harris House, the Terra Nova site and the Lubzinki Workshop.

As well, members attended the New Westminster Heritage Homes tour to gain ideas for a proposed Richmond Tour.

4. Media Coverage: The committee's Heritage Awards were covered in the *Richmond News* and *Richmond Review*. As well a very positive article on Steveston's heritage appeared in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, "Short Trips: Fishing is on the mind." The Abercrombie House was featured in the *Vancouver Province* and the *Richmond News*.

5. Our success...Overall, 2005 was a year of accomplishments for the commission and for the community we serve. We handled challenging issues and delivered tangible results, including:

- *Steveston Village Conservation Program* funding;
- relocation/donation of the 'Arts & Crafts' cottage at 7011 Ash Street to the Garden City Community Park;
- presentation of the Canadian Urban Institute's *Brownie Award - Heritage and Adaptive Reuse Category* to Richmond City Council for *London Landing*; and
- *Best Street Front* in the Richmond Garden contest for the Abercrombie House and adjacent properties on Princess Street at London Landing.

Prepared by Graham Turnbull (Chair) and Teresa Murphy (Member)

2006 WORKPLAN														
RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION:														
PROJECTS	2005		2006											
	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Planning & Policy														
Heritage Register Update					X									
<i>Steveston Village Conservation Program:</i>														
• Steveston Village Conservation Strategy						X	X	X	X					
• Steveston Village Implementation Program										X	X	X	X	X
• <i>Note: Budget and Work Plan currently being finalized in preparation for advertising RFP and award of consulting contract.</i>			X	X	X									
<i>Terra Nova:</i>	ONGOING													
• Interpretive Research	ONGOING													
• Tender, Rehabilitation, Tenanting	ONGOING													
• Landscape Development	ONGOING													
Harrison House: Record Drawings	Receipt To Be Determined													
Programs & Promotion														
Newsletter Production			X	X			X	X						
Heritage Week Promotion				X										
Recognition Award Sponsorship			X	X										
Oral History	ONGOING													
New Initiatives														
Feasibility Review of Researching & Adding Significant Post-1940's Buildings to the Heritage Inventory													X	X
	ONGOING													
Conferences (TBD)														
SFU City Program				X										
Prepared by The Richmond Heritage Commission														