



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee

Date: March 29, 2021

From: John Hopkins
Director, Policy Planning

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Re: **Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program**

Staff Recommendation

1. That the Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report, as presented in the staff report titled "Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated March 29, 2021, from the Director, Policy Planning, be received for information; and
2. That the Richmond Heritage Commission 2021 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled "Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated March 29, 2021, from the Director, Policy Planning, be approved.

John Hopkins
Director, Policy Planning

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Att. 2

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
ROUTED TO: Arts, Culture & Heritage	CONCURRENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

The Richmond Heritage Commission was established on May 9, 2005, upon City Council approval of Richmond Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 7906. A primary role of the Commission is to provide advice from a heritage perspective to Council, City staff, and other stakeholders on issues and projects that impact the heritage value and special character of historic places in Richmond. The Commission also undertakes and provides support for activities that benefit and advance heritage in the City.

This report:

- Summarizes the activities of the Commission in 2020; and
- Recommends a 2021 Work Program, from the budget provided by Council for the Commission, for consideration and approval by Council.

The Richmond Heritage Commission reviewed and endorsed the proposed Work Program at its meeting held on March 22, 2021.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy # 6 Strategic and Well-Planned Growth:

Leadership in effective and sustainable growth that supports Richmond's physical and social needs.

6.4 Recognize Richmond's history and heritage through preservation, protection and interpretation.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #8 An Engaged and Informed Community:

Ensure that the citizenry of Richmond is well-informed and engaged about City business and decision-making.

8.1 Increased opportunities for public engagement.

2020 Annual Report

The detailed 2020 Annual Report of the Richmond Heritage Commission is contained in Attachment 1, and includes the following highlights:

- Reviewed and provided comments on four development applications involving alterations on heritage-designated properties and properties within the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Area;
- Received information and regular updates on various City policies and initiatives and contributed to the annual Museum and Heritage Update publication prepared by the City's Museum and Heritage Services department staff;

- Received information and provided comments to staff on proposed revisions to the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Grant Program and on the City's Temporary Outdoor Patio Program established due to COVID-19;
- Received six nominations for the annual Richmond Heritage Awards and selected two recipients; and
- Provided sponsorship to the first ever virtual Doors Open Richmond event, and to the Oral Histories project and continued to promote and participate in heritage conservation in the City.

2021 Work Program

The detailed 2021 Work Program of the Richmond Heritage Commission is contained in Attachment 2, and includes the following highlights:

- Continue to review and provide recommendations on planning policies and development proposals related to heritage and heritage conservation, as forwarded to the Commission from staff and City Council;
- Continue to participate as a stakeholder in the ongoing Heritage Inventory update project;
- Receive nominations, and select and recognize the winners for the 2021 Richmond Heritage Awards;
- Continue to provide sponsorship to the Richmond Heritage Fair event, Doors Open Richmond event, and the Oral Histories project; and
- Continue to raise the profile of heritage in the city and to expand Commission members' knowledge and expertise related to heritage conservation.

The work program will be revised as necessary, based on emerging issues and future Council priorities.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Richmond Heritage Commission's mandate is to advise City Council on heritage conservation and promotion matters, and to undertake and provide support for activities that benefit and advance heritage in Richmond. The 2020 Annual Report for the Richmond Heritage Commission is submitted for information and the 2021 Work Program is recommended for Council's approval.



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Attachment 1: Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report
Attachment 2: Richmond Heritage Commission 2021 Work Program

**RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION
2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Accomplishments		
Projects	Achieved Outcomes	Accomplishments and Comments
Development Proposals	Provided heritage perspective and advice to Council and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and provided comments on a total of four development applications forwarded by staff.
Heritage Policy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received information and provided comments to staff on proposed revisions to the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Grant Program and on the City's Temporary Outdoor Patio Program established due to COVID-19.
City of Richmond Museum and Heritage Services	Received information and helped support and promote the City's services and sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received information from staff on programs, initiatives and projects related to City-owned historic places and museums. Contributed to the annual Museum and Heritage Update publication prepared by the City's Museum and Heritage Services department staff.
Richmond Heritage Awards	Received nominations and selected recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received a total of six nominations and selected two winners.
Community Projects	Sponsored and supported community initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided \$1,000 in sponsorship to the first ever virtual Doors Open Richmond 2020 event. Provided \$350 in sponsorship to Richmond Museum's Oral Histories 2020 project.

List of Applications Reviewed in 2020		
Application No.	Address of property	Application Purpose
HA 20-893182 ¹	6471 Dyke Road	To conduct maintenance work to the heritage-designated building known as the McKinney House, including replacement of exterior wood shingle and horizontal lap siding cladding on a like-for-like basis, repair and upgrading of the exterior wall assembly, installation of flashing to all opening and joints, and incidental repair of existing soffits, as needed, on a like-for-like basis.
HA 19-881148 and Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Grant Application	12111 3 rd Avenue	To permit the replacement of the existing roof on the identified heritage building known as the Sockeye/Steveston Hotel and to consider a grant application under the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Grant Program in the amount of \$72,800 to assist with the proposed scope of work.

¹ Heritage Alteration Permit application

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Application No.	Address of property	Application Purpose
HA 20-890427	3580 Moncton Street	To permit repair work to a small portion of the south elevation of the identified heritage building known as the Hepworth Block to address damage caused by a vehicle accident.
HA 20-909844	8220 General Currie Road	To permit minor upgrades to the heritage-designated building known as the General Currie School House, including construction of a wooden accessible ramp, enlargement of the existing east side stair landing and replacement of steps, reversal of the existing east side door swing, and provision of metal handrails to match existing.

**RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION
PROPOSED 2021 WORK PROGRAM**

Projects	Results Expected	Comments
Development Proposals	Heritage perspective and advice to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to review and provide recommendations on planning, and other proposals (e.g., public art) in the Steveston Village Development Permit Area and Heritage Conservation Area, and other heritage properties.
Heritage Policy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate as a stakeholder in the Heritage Inventory Update.
Richmond Heritage Awards	Receive nominations and select recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive award nominations, and select and honour the winners.
City of Richmond Museum and Heritage Services	Receive information and help support and promote the City's services and sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive information from staff on programs, initiatives and projects related to City-owned historic places and museums.
Community Heritage Partners and Projects	Sponsor and support community initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide sponsorship to the Richmond Heritage Fair, Doors Open Richmond event, and the Oral Histories project of the Richmond Museum Society.
Capacity Building	Raise profile of Richmond Heritage and enhance knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and enhance knowledge and expertise related to heritage and pursue other educational opportunities.