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Alberni Valley Museum
and Heritage Commission



Heritage Commission Meeting
January 4, 2022
Minutes

Location:
Alberni Valley Museum

Attendees:
Claudia Romaniuk
Colin Schult
Don Mallon
Gareth Flostrand
Janis Joseph (School Board alternate)
Ken Watson
Pam Craig
Willa Thorpe (staff)

Regrets:
Bill Collette
Charles Mealey
Ed Ross
Penny Cote

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering/PW
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks, Rec. & Heritage
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Development Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Cor Summary</i>

File # 0540-20-AVMHC *RCM Feb 13, 23*

Called to order: 7:01pm

1. Moved by Claudia that the agenda of the January 4, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated.
2. Moved by Colin, seconded by Ken, that the minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting be approved as circulated.
3. Old Business – none
4. Correspondence – none
5. New Business
 - a. Staff to confirm contact information for the Hupacasath representative on the Heritage Commission
 - b. Staff to confirm alternate representatives for each Heritage Commission organization and include alternates on correspondence (meeting agendas and minutes)



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6. Reports

a. Historical Society

- i. The Board of Directors wishes everyone a Happy New Year!
- ii. Our fantastic group of volunteers took a much-deserved break from Dec. 17 – Jan 3. Now it's back to work, Tues.-Thurs., 10am to 3 pm.
- iii. Volunteer hours in December totalled 116 1/2 hrs. Way to go Ladies!
- iv. We have started planning our next Public evening. Stay tuned for more information.

b. Regional District – no report

c. Maritime Heritage Society

- **Canoe Exhibit** – A new exhibit is now in the Gallery centering around the wonderful "Ladies Canoe" that is on loan to us from the Tseshaht First Nation. This display also includes the beautifully carved Hesquiaht canoe model created by Tim Paul. This model was presented to PAMHS by Tim at a recent Reconciliation Day Ceremony in recognition of hosting Tim and his fellow carvers in our compound while they created the Language Revitalization Pole now erected at Millstone Park. Thanks to Dave Cox and Geo Monrufet for their work on this exhibit.
- **Photo Contest Results**– The photo contest winning entries as well as a selection of other photos submitted are now on display in the Gallery. Thanks to Jean McIntosh, Dave Cox, and Chris Johnson for the inspiration and completion of this initiative and thanks to the Alberni Valley Museum for printing the images.

- **SS Beaver Award** – The *MV Frances Barkley* from Port Alberni has been honoured with a prestigious SS Beaver Medal from the Maritime Museum of B.C. The *Frances Barkley* was one of six award recipients. Congratulations from PAMHS on this award.



- **Junior Lightkeepers Club** – This is a new initiative designed to involve children in the stewardship of the lighthouse and its exhibits, and to create a fun way to learn facts and skills relating to the work of lighthouse keepers and mariners. The first few trial days of the program brought us 8 new members, and interest from a teacher in Hungary wishing to involve her students. A larger roll-out of the program will happen first week of January, with an article in the AV News, and promotion on our social media.
- **Open Hours** – We are now open 4 days a week, Thursdays to Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Stop in to see our Facilities Coordinator Chris Johnson and learn some interesting facts about our history in Port Alberni.



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d. Industrial Heritage Society

- i. December saw the biggest return of volunteers to the Industrial Heritage Society Centre since the COVID shut down. Members were busy decorating and preparing for the Christmas art show and market. In spite of snow we had around 150 people attend on Dec 10, 2022 and by all accounts was a great success.
- ii. IHS had two Christmas gatherings of members which 50 plus members and spouses attended.
- iii. IHS has been helping the Hospice Society in the marketing of Alberni Valley Loggers; we have sold 40 copies.
- iv. We have received valuable free publicity via an article on the Industrial Heritage Society in the "Double Clutch" magazine of the "Antique Truck Club of America" Nov.-Dec. edition.
- v. We have sold and distributed more than 200 of our calendars, Salmonberry's Emporium and Mobius Books have been selling them as well.
- vi. We are continuing with writing the fire safety plan.
- vii. On the negative side, we had to cancel our Kindergarten tour and our drive about town with the decorated vintage trucks because of weather.

e. Community at Large

- i. January Activities Around Town:
 - 5 – Mt. Klitsa Garden Club 7pm @ Dogwood Rm. Medicinal Medicine → Garden Bits and Pieces
 - 5-7 – TOTEM '67 @ ADSS – Admission \$10 per day
 - 7 – Tree-cycling – bring your tress to Echo (back parking lot) to be chipped for use around the City, by donation to KidSport
 - 7 – Loonie/Twoonie Auction @ AV United Church, raising funds to assist Cathy Watts in her fight against cancer in Victoria
 - 10-12 – Blood Donation event @ BW Plus 2-645 Reserve your spot
 - 11 – Barkley Sounds Community choir starting it's Spring series @ AV United Church 645-9
 - 16 – Snowed in Comedy Tour @ Capitol Theatre 730pm
 - 18 – Eating Cheaper and Growing More – interactive evening exploring food security topics sponsored by Alberni Climate Action, AVTTS and AV Food Security Soc. 7pm @ Char's – Free Admission
 - 22 – PA Film Fest – Buffy Saint-Marie → Carry It On 5pm @ Paramount



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- f. School District
 - i. Next Public Board meeting is Jan. 10, 2023
 - ii. New Minister of Education and Child Care – Honourable Rachna Singh
 - iii. The last two weeks of school in December saw 'Winter Celebration Events' in all schools – band concerts, school performances, Winter Wonderland attendances.
 - iv. Dec. 13 Board of Education Public meeting – Committee Appointments were designated. Pam Craig returned as Board rep on Heritage Commission with Trustee Janis Joseph as alternate.
 - v. Jan 5, 6, 7 – 67th Totem Tournament – "It's Kind of a Big Deal"
 - 1. Six team format – One Gym, One School and One great Tournament.
 - vi. ADSS Athletic Wall of Fame – 4 new inductees:
 - 1. Coach – Bob Matlock
 - 2. Gerry Fitzgerald – Hockey
 - 3. Myles Fitzgerald – Hockey
 - 4. Leo Fitzgerald – Hockey.
 - vii. SD70 Trustees have a busy year ahead. Trustees have received from Superintendent Tim Davie, the 2022-2023 SD70 Pacific Rim Board Working Plan which includes meeting dates, list of external and internal committees' meetings, reminders of associate partner meetings and reports, etc. The Board will soon have dates for meetings with all local Municipal Governments.
 - viii. The Board will also be working with partners and community on the review of the District Strategic Plan.
- g. Chamber of Commerce
 - i. December spent working on our membership database and renewals. Last year we implemented our online payment program and happy to say that it is working very well. We are well ahead of this time last year in terms of membership payments/renewals.
 - ii. The Chamber held a nice staff/volunteer Christmas party in mid-December at Alberni Brewing. Food was excellent as was the service. Nice to see our team get together. All told about 38 people including spouses/partners.
 - iii. We are currently interviewing for the position of Office Manager. A fair number of applications have been received. Interviews through this week (at least).
 - iv. We have invited Minister Osborne to a Networking Meeting that we will be scheduling around her schedule either late January or early February.



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- h. McLean Mill
 - i. As reported on last month we opted not to do the Heritage Christmas Village or Festival of Trees. This was largely due to our lack of available human resources both from a staffing and volunteer perspective. In hindsight we were almost lucky in that the weather challenges through much of December may have negatively affected attendance at the event even if we were able to host it.
 - ii. All inventory from the gift shop was removed and sent over to the Visitor Centre. We will reposition it back to the site well-ahead of our opening for 2023.
 - iii. For now we are closed for general operations however we are active on the site on weekends and other days where necessary.
- i. Community Arts Council
 - i. Our gallery is on our regular winter shutdown from December 23 until the end of January.
 - ii. Gallery Exhibits: Beginning January 31 to March 24 we have, in partnership with the Rotary Club, the Port Alberni Landmark Art Exhibit. Meet and greet is Saturday, February 4 from 1-3.
 - iii. Packing up dates: we are packing up the remainder of our belongings from the Rollin building on January 13 and January 16, because of the discovery of lead-based paint. The City is looking for a spot where we can store these items.
 - iv. Book Sale: We are still in limbo about our annual Book Sale in May. We do not have a space yet for a drop off for the books.
 - v. Open House: We are hoping to have an open house at the Harbour Quay for our membership and for invited guests. Friday, February 10, 7pm-9pm, is the probable date and time.
- j. City Council – no report
- k. Museum – no report
- l. Hupacasath First Nation – no report
- m. Tseshah First Nation – no report

7. Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday, February 1 → 7pm (Alberni Valley Museum)



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8. Adjourn
 - a. Moved by Pam to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm