

Heritage Commission Oct 4, 2023  
AV Museum - 7pm  
Minutes

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File # 0540-20-AMHC **RCM Nov 13/23**

Location: AV Museum

**Attendees:**

Community Arts Council – Claudia Romaniuk  
Industrial Heritage – Richard Spencer  
City Council – Charles Mealey  
Maritime Heritage – Ken Watson  
McLean Mill – Elliot Drew  
School District 70 – Pam Craig  
Historical Society – Gareth Flostrand  
ACRD – Penny Cote

**Regrets:**

Chamber of Commerce – Jolleen Dick  
Community at Large – Colin Schult  
Hupacasath First Nation  
Tseshaht First Nation  
Staff – Willa Thorpe

1. Approval of the Agenda - Moved – Claudia Romaniuk
2. Approval of the Minutes from Sept 6, 2023 – Moved Elliot Drew
3. Old Business –
  - a. Heritage Week Feb 19 - 15
    - Heritage Week Feb 19 – 25 2024. Reminder to City Council to consider a Proclamation for Heritage Week.
    - Suggested Heritage Week activities by Elliot – continuance of AV Museum Heritage week activities; One day kick-off of Heritage week with all Heritage members participating with information/family activities/ engage AV Bulldog organization/ Chamber and Businesses/ invite First Nation cultural activity. Sub-committee formed chaired by Elliot Drew to co-ordinate Heritage Week activities with all Heritage groups.
  - b. Purpose of Heritage Commission –
    - Letter to City Council re: future staffing at the AV Museum given the retirement of Shelley Harding.
    - Addition of on-going Heritage Commission Agenda item #4. Commission Recommendations to Council – for consideration at each monthly meeting.
4. Correspondence – none.
5. Reports – attached.

## **Community-At-Large**

### **October Activities Around Town**

**5** -- Plant Vegan Potluck – AV United Church 530pm

**5** – Mt Klitsa Garden Club – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year 7pm @ ECHO (Dogwood)

**6** -- Dog and Cat teeth Cleaning at Bosley's – 10am

**10** – Retired Logger's Coffee Social @ Steelworkers Union Hall 1-3pm

**12** -- The Alpha Course @ Steampunk – Exploring the Christian faith, dinner is free @ 6pm (registration)

**12** -- The 30 years of Regret Comedy Tour @ Blue Marlin 8pm

**13** -- Kaleidoscope Cabaret – A Spooky Harvest @ Trinity Anglican/Lutheran Church 7-10pm

Tickets \$15

**13** -- ?Aps Ciik Cha Chim Hiy Ap Road to Reconciliation @ AV United Church 930-130, luncheon provided

**14** -- Crystal and Spirit Fair – 4277 Stamp Ave 10am

- Social Committee Meeting @ Black Sheep Rugby Club 10am

- Girl Guides of Canada open house for 100<sup>th</sup> Ann. Of guiding @ CCCHall 14pm

**16** – Harbour City Big Band and AV Comm Band start up @ ADSS bank room 615 and 735pm

**20** – VIPW presents Live Pro Wrestling @Maht Mahs 630-930pm

**21**-- Leave Her Wild Witches Market 4pm

**21** – Dance with DJ Mike Nelson @ BC Comm Hall 8pm-12am

**22** – PA 4-H Information Event @ CC Comm Hall 3pm

**22** – Fall Film Fest – Past Lives 5pm @ Paramount

**27-29**-- AV Thunder Annual Men's and Women's Basketball Tourney – PA Athletic Hall

**27** – Spooky Roller Skating @ Glenwood 6pm

**28** – ADSS Class of 1973 – 50 year reunion @ BW Barclay 5pm

**28** – Halloween Howl and Spooky Trail @ BC Comm Hall 12-3pm

**29** – Halloween Costume Skate @ AV Multiplex 245-415pm, Music, Treats and Fun on the Ice

**29** – Colin James Blues Trio @ ADSS Theatre 7pm

**November 4-5** – Holiday Winter Market @ Glenwood 10-5 & 10-4, Santa 1-3pm Saturday

**17-19** – Merry Makers Craft Fair @ RCL 2-7pm/10-5pm/11-4pm

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### **ACRD**

I attended UBCM convention. Sorry to say there was not one resolution to support heritage this year. AVICC hosted Premier Eby at our Association lunch. We did ask Ministries for continued financial support for ICET.

The ACRD recently handed out checks to all the approved grant in aid 2023 applicants.

We will be starting the budget process again soon as well as a review of the Strategic plan.

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### **Community Arts Council**

Art Exhibits

1. August 29 – October 27 "Back in Time" (a partnership with the AV Museum) - 28 Artists participating with 36 pieces of art

2. October 31 – November 9 "Art Auction" (a partnership with Rotary)

Auction evening event Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-9. This is a ticketed event, with food and music.

Live auction auctioneer Charles Mealy.

3. November 14<sup>th</sup> – December 23, - Mistletoe Market

#### Workshops

1. Maggie Wouterloot – Shibori Tie Dying Saturday October 14
2. Leonora King – Weaving & spinning TBA
3. Kids Crafts TBA

#### Hallowe'en at the Quay

The merchants at the Quay agreed, with city approval, to encourage community to display carved pumpkins at the quay.

McLean Mill Christmas Market – October 21, 10 am to 4pm. This is a partnership with McLean Mill/ Chamber of Commerce. We are full. And, we are really looking forward to being back at the Mill.

#### Fundraisers

1. Winter basket November 1 to December 20.
2. Poinsettia/wreath fundraiser.
3. The box for book donations will be put out this week. We have a bit of a problem with the library at Gill School. One half of the library is very wet and also some boxes with supplies are wet. The library does smell. SD70 Maintenance has been informed. But, we may have to use alternate rooms for sorting.

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#### **McLean Mill**

September has been an interesting month for McLean Mill. With the end of summer, we have moved into our shoulder season hours of Thursday thru Sunday 10 am to 4 pm and have downsized our staff with the loss of our Students. Camping and e-Bike rentals are still available but have not been too busy with the change in the weather bring much needed rain. Guided Tours are now only available by appointment but self-guided tours are, as always, available at all times by donation. The Giftshop is open during staffed hours and holiday stock has hit the shelves in anticipation of the Craft show we are partner with the Community Arts Council on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

With the changing weather hosting events has become a little more challenging but both our weddings in September went well, as did our corporate retreat on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Many of our rental inquiries from over the summer have begun to book information tours and dates for 2024 are starting to fill in. We are also preparing a program to host Christmas Party for December and are excited to already have multiple inquiries.

One of this month's highlights was welcoming over 80 SD70 students and teachers along with staff from BC Forest services to the site for National Forest week. It is always a thrill to see our site use to help our young people understand the world they live in and how to be better stewards of our environment and resources.

Outside of our activities the site has also been extremely busy with other projects. I would like to thank our partners at the City for their ongoing efforts to improve our site and keep it safe for our guests. I would also like to recognize and thank the dedicated volunteers of the IHS for the tireless efforts that have been put into Site over the past few months. Clearing the Barn has been a mammoth endeavour and I have been humbled to witness the time and energy that has once again been donated to ensure that our heritage is preserved.

The Mill was open 17 days in September and welcomed 412 guests during Office hours.

Upcoming Fall events

Oct 13 – Wedding  
Oct 14 – Anniversary dinner  
Oct 21 – Community Arts Council Craft Fair  
Oct 28 – ADAPS Haunted Mill  
Nov 5 – Alberni Bowmen One Day Shoot  
Dec 16 – Christmas Party

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#### **ALBERNI DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- September volunteer hours were 214 ¼. Thank you to all our very dedicated volunteers!
  - The Historical Society participated in the Public Meeting with the Museum advising the public on the activities of Parks, Recreation & Heritage on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - We are exploring topics for our free Public Evenings. Examples – Having author Cathy Converse on her new book about Lady Frances Barkley; a joint evening with the Port Alberni Maritime Historical Society. Anyone else have any suggestions??
  - For all our members, we will have a Newsletter in November. Thanks Shirley!
  - The Archives are open Tues-Thur, 11am to 3 pm.
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#### **PAMHS Report to the Heritage Commission** **October 4, 2023**

The PAMHS recent activities as well as upcoming events are summarized below:

- **Visitor Totals** - In the month of September we had 233 visitors to the Gallery and Lighthouse.
- **Parade of Programs Event** – Our Facilities Coordinator attended this event held at the Echo Centre to connect residents with local organizations. We met several families some of which attended our most recent Maritime Monday as a result. We also met representatives from several other local organizations and discussed future partnerships and collaborations. Thanks to P&R staff for hosting this worthwhile event.
- **Gift Shop Consignment** – We are now including local art and craft items in our Gallery Gift shop on a consignment basis. We have already had some interest from local painters and artists. Contact our Facilities Coordinator if you are interested in this opportunity. Or stop by the Gallery to see the new items we have on sale/display.
- **Maritime Mondays** - We had two Maritime Mondays in September. Kids attending made origami fish and boats, wooden ships and tugboats, pirate parrots and paper plate portholes. Watch for future Maritime Monday events on long weekends as advertised on our Facebook page.
- **Space Rentals Available** – The Lighthouse and Gallery are available for special event rentals on a very affordable basis. We welcome bookings for weddings, birthday parties and other family events. Check our Facebook page or contact our Facilities Coordinator for rates and availability.
- **Lighthouse Upgrades** – We are fundraising towards our goal of \$70,000 to undertake exterior upgrades to our iconic waterfront lighthouse structure. So far, we have raised \$10,000 towards this project. Thanks to the Alberni District Co-op and the Alberni Valley Community Foundation for their support towards this project.
- **Historical Society Joint Meeting** – This is now scheduled for April 17, 2024 and will be held in the Maritime Historical Society Gallery at 7 pm.
- **Open Hours** – We are now back to our fall hours open 4 days a week, Fridays to Monday from 11am to 4pm. Please stop in to our Gallery and lighthouse to meet our Facilities Coordinator Chris Johnson and learn some interesting facts about our maritime history in Port Alberni. Our contact information is:  
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## Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society



### October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Report to the Heritage Commission

1. In September, the time of the majority of the active members was taken up by the McLean Barn-Emptying Exercise. The volunteers who are the usual regulars at the Industrial Heritage Centre, after the winding down and cleaning up after the Antique Truck Show, spent most of the rest of the month at the McLean Barn. We are extremely grateful of the help and support from Kosta McHale and Shelley Harding of the City of Port Alberni.  
  
The 1974 "Hi-ab" Truck was insured and brought out to the Mill to facilitate the job, along with the "Patrick" articulated Crane Truck, to lift out the heavier objects. Our pick-up truck burned a fair bit of fuel, running back and forth. Several hundred hours of volunteers' time went into the job.  
  
The Barn is now virtually cleared. Some removed items are still on the Mill site, awaiting transport to either the Roundhouse or the I.H.C.
2. Some members participated in the City Department Open House on Wednesday September 27 representing the Industrial Collection. Three trucks were brought up and put on display outside the main doors, as well as our new 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display kindly created by the Alberni Valley Museum.
3. The Alberni Pacific Railway business plan was approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the City of Port Alberni for consideration to be including in the 2024-2028 Five-Year Financial Plan.
4. Visitors continue to drop in at the I.H.C. We hosted a group of seniors (20+ persons) from Fir Park Village last week and will be hosting the Noon Rotary Club for a visit to the A.P.R. Roundhouse this week.
5. Planning is underway for a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for the I.H.S., for a "Christmas Art Show & Market" at the I.H.C. and for other Fall events. We are invited to take part in a Halloween event at the McLean Mill. The I.H.C. is going into winter Maintenance mode.
6. Major cleanup continued to take place at the APR Roundhouse site – removing Blackberries and clearing scrap.

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### School District 70

Next Public Board meeting for the Pacific Rim Board of Education is October 24, 2023 in Ucluelet.

September in Pacific Rim School District raced by with school start-up, welcoming many new students (final numbers soon), planning and learning for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation recognition, Alberni Residential School Survivor Flag raising at all district buildings and facilities plus Welcome Back Family BBQs at many schools.

Alberni Residential School Flags and the meaning of the images on the flag – attached. The district gifted a flag to all Nuuchah-nulth Nations including the Nations in Vancouver Island West District 84. Pacific Rim district also presented a flag to the City of Port Alberni and the Regional District.

The district has a new program at Eighth Ave Learning Centre in partnership with Usma called "Chaputs – (canoe) Program". Students will be learning the importance of the canoe to the Nuuchah-nulth culture. Students will have hands-on activities while they learn the relevance of this knowledge and understanding of being in nature and on the land. Through the Chaputs Program students will learn all their math, science, language, environmental stewardship, culture, storytelling as well as learning how to care for the planet.