

Alberni Valley Museum
and Heritage Commission



**Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission
Meeting of Wednesday January 6, 2015
7:00 pm in the AV Museum**

Minutes

Attending:

Gareth Flostrand
Jolleen Dick
David Whitworth
Neil Malbon
Bert Simpson
Dan Washington
Marta Williamson
Libby Manson
Pam Craig
Paul McDougall
Penny Cote

Regrets:

Dennis Bill
Judy Carlson
Meg Scoffield
David Taberner
Jamie Morton, Manager of Museum, Heritage and Culture

Guests:

Theresa Kingston, Director of Community Services
Shelley Harding, AV Museum Education Curator

Called to order 7:00 PM.

1. Introduction of Libby Manson, the new Commissioner representing the Community at Large, and welcome to the Heritage Commission. Round table introductions.
2. Moved by Pam Craig, seconded by Neil Malbon, that the agenda of the January 6, 2016 meeting be approved.
3. Moved by Marta Williamson, seconded by Bert Simpson, that the minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting, as distributed, be approved.

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4. Updates:
- Dan Washington and David Whitworth reported on the McLean Mill Advisory Committee.
 - a. The Committee held an in-camera meeting with City Council at Gyro Centre on December 10, to determine how best to move forward in implementing the recommendations of the Committee.
 - Approval of Collections Policy.
 - a. The collections policy as distributed was discussed, and a list of questions was generated for Jamie Morton to review prior to the next Commission meeting.
 - b. Moved by Pam Craig, seconded by Marta Williamson, that approval of the collections policy be tabled to the February 2016 meeting.

5. Setting Heritage Commission Priorities for 2016:
- This was discussed, leading to a list of potential priorities – starting with those identified in the agenda:
 - a. Identification of regional heritage resources & historic sites.
 - b. Promotion and marketing.
 - c. Fundraising.
- And those potential priorities identified in the discussion:
- d. Young adults and youth as volunteers.
 - e. Insert flyer for real estate packages.
 - f. Revision of the "Four Cool Attractions" brochure.
 - g. Display of artefacts and small exhibits in local venues, such as City Hall, Court House, etc.
 - h. Preparation of a document on heritage for the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District.
 - i. Making greater use of social media tools for promotion and marketing.
 - j. Promoting Heritage through other City services, such as the Fire Department.

6. Reports:

6.1 Neil Malbon reported for McLean Mill

- Concrete footings for the lumber deck restoration will be poured when the weather improves.
- The Somass Boardwalk project will mean a large lumber order.
- The Santa Train passenger numbers were up a little from 2014.
- The 2016 McLean Mill budget will be presented to City Council on January 20.

6.2 Bert Simpson reported for the WVIHS

- In November and December 2015 the WVIHS spent \$16,000 with local merchants.
- Number 7 locomotive is being worked on at the Roundhouse – winter maintenance.
- Work is continuing on the Strathcona Parlour Car at the IHC.
- David Hooper has produced 2016 calendars for sale.

6.3 Paul McDougall and David Whitworth reported for the PA Maritime Heritage Society

- A temporary cover is being placed over the steam launch *Swan* to protect it through the winter. A permanent shelter structure is being planned for it and the recently-acquired dugout canoe, which will be funded by grants.

- The next Maritime Heritage Night will feature a presentation by Darrell Ross on the different varieties of Tseshahht canoes.
- Jules Hamilton's coordinator position has been extended to January 31, 2016. She has completed a training program in collections management with the AV Museum.
- The PAMHS board will be meeting with Jamie Morton next week for a discussion of developing collections policy in response to the society's growing collection & fleet.

6.4 Gareth Flostrand reported for the Alberni District Historical Society

- The next public meeting of ADHS will be in March 2016.
- The newspaper digitization project continues, as well as cataloguing births, deaths, and marriages from the newspapers.
- A reminder that the Archives will accept records of groups and organizations that are folding.
- The Archives are looking into obtaining copies of the *Ha Shilth Sa* newspaper.

6.5 Shelley Harding reported for the AV Museum

- January 13 at 7:00pm the Grade 12 Comparative Civilizations class from ADSS opens their exhibit at the AV Museum.
- Planning is under way for the 2016 Heritage Fair in May.

6.6 Jolleen Dick reported for the Hupacasath First Nation.

- The Language Map has been completed – with 244 place names noted in both English and Nuuchah Nulth.
- Research staff tapped 125 maple trees on Klehkoot Reserve to harvest maple syrup with plans to produce and market a product next year.
- The Young Professionals of the Alberni Valley Tsunami project monument should be installed later this month.

6.7 Marta Williamson reported for the Community Arts Council

- Two major events in December were affected by snow and power outages.
- Another Pool Mural Project is underway, with applications by artists now being accepted.
- The next exhibit at the Rollin Art Centre, displaying Tseshahht Chief Councillor Hugh Braker's collection, will open on January 22.
- Books for the book sale will be accepted starting Jan. 12

6.8 Neil Malbon reported for the Chamber of Commerce

- An application to the Canada 150 program is being prepared for the Triconic Challenge Triathlon in 2017.
- Community Excellence Awards will take place on April 22 – applications to nominate are available at the Chamber office.

6.9.a Libby Manson reported for the Community at Large.

- The Totem Tournament is being held at ADSS this weekend.

6.9.b Gareth Flostrand reported for the Community at Large.

- The AV Bulldogs Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction is coming up on February 12.

6.10 Pam Craig reported for the School Board

- "Tech Buddies" – a joint project with Literacy Alberni – partners Gr3/4 students with an older student to do projects together on tablet computers.

6.11 Penny Cote reported for the ACRD

- The airport project is going forward with airport – so the ACRD is looking for grants.
- Penny Cote has been elected Vice Chair of the Regional District.
- Penny Cote is putting her name forward for a seat on the Association of Coastal Communities.
- It is a priority to work with Regional Directors to raise awareness of Heritage in the Regional District – including the recognition of heritage sites and trails.
- An agricultural conference is taking place in February 2017 – it would be good to include an Heritage Farming exhibit.

6.12 Dan Washington reported for the City of Port Alberni

- The City budget process starts on January 18.
- January 11 is the next regular City Council meeting.
- Dan Washington is the new branch manager of Berk's Intertruck.

6.13 Theresa Kingston reported for Parks, Recreation and Heritage

- January 20 at 6pm Theresa will be presenting the Parks, Recreation and Heritage Budget to City Council – it would be good to have the Heritage Commission represented at the presentation.
- February 29 at 7pm there will be a meeting for not for profit organizations at Echo Centre.

7. Other Business

- On the occasion of her term ending, Gayle Stephen Player was thanked by Chair, Gareth Flostrand, and by the Commissioners, for her service and contribution to the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission.

8. Next Meeting

- 7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at the AV Museum.

9. Adjournment

- Moved at 8:10 by Pam Craig to adjourn the meeting.



Gareth Flostrand, Chair
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Davina Hartwell, City Clerk
City of Port Alberni