

Alberni Valley Museum
and Heritage Commission



**Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission
Meeting of Wednesday September 6, 2017
7:00 pm in the AV Museum**

Minutes

Attending:

Pam Craig
Bert Simpson
Penny Cote
Nancy Blair
Gareth Flostrand
Judy Carlson
Jamie Morton, Manager of Museum, Heritage and Culture

Regrets:

Jolleen Dick
Deanna Beaudoin
John Douglas
Dan Washington
Libby Manson

Called to order 7:03pm

1. Moved by Nancy Blair, seconded by Pam Craig, that the agenda of the September 6, 2017 meeting be approved.
2. Moved by Judy Carlson, seconded by Penny Cote, that the minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting be approved.
3. Correspondence
 - No correspondence – but reminder of the AV Museum/Parks Recreation & Heritage booth at the Fall Fair, starting Sept. 7 – and distribution of tickets to those Commissioners that were volunteering.

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4. Updates:

- Review & finalize the questionnaire for presentation to City Council – discussion of the draft leading to consensus to go forward with it as-is, with a few editorial changes, and the removal of the final, question 11, considered not directly relevant to the topic of attitudes regarding heritage and the Heritage Commission.
- After final approval, the questionnaire will be submitted for presentation to Council, the results will be circulated to the Heritage Commission, and then will be incorporated in the content of a Commission delegation to City Council.
- Originally planned for the October 10 meeting, it was decided to postpone the delegation to the October 23 Council meeting, to allow more time for responses and preparation.
- Historical Notes for City Council – produced by the AV Museum, at the direction of the Heritage Commission, these are being read by the Mayor at the beginning of each Council meeting leading up to the October 28 date of amalgamation. They contain excerpts from 1967 newspapers, giving a sense of what was taking place in advance of the amalgamation of the Twin Cities. Penny Cote requested that they be distributed to the ACRD Board as well.

5. Reports:

5.1 Nancy Blair reported for the Community Arts Council

- Teas on the Terrace were popular this summer – due to the good weather.
- A garage sale fundraiser will be held on Saturday Sept. 16 – donations are requested – please drop off already-priced items.
- A fundraiser at the Capital Theatre on Nov. 4 will feature a performance by Celtic Chaos.
- The Rollin Art Centre will feature an exhibit by the Wednesday Painters, opening on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

5.2 Bert Simpson reported for the WVHHS.

- Volunteers are busy – the train crew is fixing, and running the trains, including the Big Yellow Speeder for special events.
- Volunteers worked on clearing the McLean Mill NHS Historic Zone in preparation for the Five Acre Shaker.
- AV Museum & WVHHS trucks have been taken to several out-of-town events, and the Labour Day weekend Truck Show at the IHC was very successful – more variety this year, including a pond for model boats, large-scale model railway, and steam equipment on display.
- The WVHHS will have vehicles in the Fall Fair Parade, and an operating display on-site throughout the Fair.

5.3 Judy Carlson reported for the ADHS

- An ADHS group visited McLean Mill NHS in late August, for lunch & a tour – some discussion of changes at the site, including the clearing of undergrowth in the forested areas.
- The next major ADHS event is to be at Echo Centre, on the evening of October 19, jointly hosted by PAMHS, and featuring the historic steam launch the *Swan* – now

displayed by PAMHS. Penny Cote noted that she had a painting of the *Swan*, and could make a photographic copy available for posters, etc.

5.4 Gareth Flostrand reported for the Community at Large.

- Another reminder of the Fall Fair – Sept. 7 – 10, with Logger's Sports on Sept. 10, and the Fall Fair Parade – starting at Burde & 10th – on Sept. 9 at 11:00.
- The Louisiana Hayride Show will be presented at ADSS on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 PM.
- Family Farm Day is taking place on Sept. 17 from 11:00 – 3:00 – brochures are available at Echo Centre and at the ACRD offices.
- "Tanna," the first film in the three-film fall series of the Alberni Film Fest is being shown on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 5:00 PM – individual tickets are \$10, and three-ticket passes are \$27.
- The AV Wine Fest is being held at Echo Centre on Saturday, Sept. 23, 7:00 – 9:00 PM – proceeds go to the Rotary Arts District.
- The Barkley Sound Choir is seeking new members – practices are Wednesdays 6:45-9:00 PM, at the United Church on Church St.
- A reminder of the CAC garage sale fundraiser on Sept. 16.
- Funtastic – the organizers of the summer softball tournament – have funds available for distribution to non-profit groups – should be contacted by Sept. 24.
- The AV Bulldog's home opener – against Victoria – is on Sept. 15 at 7:00 PM – it will be preceded by a 5:00 PM BBQ with hot dogs & chili – with funds going to Raise a Reader and literacy programs at Literacy Alberni.

5.5 Penny Cote reported for the ACRD

- A reminder of Family Farm Day Sept. 17.
- Noting the issue of Army Worm infestation – a real problem for local agriculture.
- UBCM Conference coming up in late September.
- The annual Sproat Lake Regatta was again a success – noted the incorporation of the historic outboard motors from the Cole Family Collection as a feature – the Regatta contributes funds to the Marine Patrol and other local services.
- Work is winding up on the Airport – budget is tight – and there were some weather-related delays.
- Some negotiation is taking place between the City of Port Alberni and the ACRD concerning the operation of the Community Forest.
- Douglas Holmes has started as the new ACRD CAO – he is a chartered accountant, and brings valuable experience from the reconstruction of High River Alberta following the recent floods there.

5.6 Jamie Morton reported for the AV Museum.

- Working on the BCAC Operational Grant application – with a two-year projection – asked for input on potential exhibit themes. The two offered were something dealing with the fishing industry, and one dealing with the industrial harbour of Port Alberni.
- Staff is working on the *Home Front* exhibit as a travelling exhibit, in cooperation with the Royal BC Museum.

- Noted that our summer student Emma had recently left – after doing great work, particularly in developing three new walking tour guides, and on improving interpretive materials for the Museum's permanent galleries.
- A reminder of Alberni Film Fest fall series of three films, starting on Sept. 17.
- A reminder of Fall Fair Sept. 7 – 10, and the schedule of staff and volunteers to host the AV Museum/Parks, Recreation & Heritage booth.
- In response to questions, there is no news of progress on the proposed tripartite agreement for the management of the Alberni Valley Museum.

5.7 Pam Craig reported for SD70.

- Staffing is in place, to conform to the students per teacher guidelines.
- Rumours about cuts to Special Education and other programs are not accurate.
- Four portable classrooms are on order, but late arriving – two for Wickaninnish Community School and one each for Ucluelet Elementary and for Wood School.
- Various infrastructure work is proceeding in the district – HVAC systems, parking lots, etc.

6. Other Business:

- Discussion of the situation at McLean Mill NHS, following the early August clearing of the Historic Zone in anticipation of the Five Acre Shaker event – this meant that the site did not have historic equipment for viewing or demonstration for half of the summer season – a significantly diminished site experience for visitors – which raised questions about the core business of the historic site.
- Some tours & steam logging demonstrations are planned for September – in particular two Swedish groups – woodlot owners, and forest history association.

7. Next Meeting

- 7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the Alberni Valley Museum.

8. Adjournment

- Moved at 8:48 by Pam Craig to adjourn the meeting.



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