



# City of Port Moody

## Agenda

### Heritage Commission

Electronic Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Commencing at 7:00pm

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1. Call to Order

**Call to Order**

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2. Adoption of Minutes

**Minutes**

2.1 **Recommendation:**

**Pages 3-8**

**THAT the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 be adopted.**

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3. Unfinished Business

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4. New Business

**Heritage BC  
Conference Recap**

4.1

**Storyboard  
Subcommittee  
Update**

4.2 Storyboard Subcommittee

**Stone Marker  
Subcommittee  
Update**

4.3 Stone Marker Subcommittee

**Indigenous  
Subcommittee  
Update**

4.4 Indigenous Subcommittee

**Potential Community  
Outreach and  
Activities**

4.5

5. Information

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**Staff Updates**

5.1

**2021 Work Plan and Budget**

5.2 Attachment: 2021 Heritage Commission Work Plan and Budget  
File: 01-0360-20-09-01

**Pages 9-12**

6. Adjournment

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# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Heritage Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Heritage Commission held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 via Zoom.

#### Present

Councillor Meghan Lahti, Chair (arrived at 7:05pm)  
 Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair  
 Dianna Brown  
 Laura Dick (arrived at 7:16pm)  
 Christopher Pope  
 Rebeca Salas  
 Joan Stuart

#### In Attendance

Jess Daniels – Policy Planner  
 Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

#### 1. Call to Order

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#### Call to Order

1.1 The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

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#### Minutes

2.1 HC21/009  
 Moved, seconded, and CARRIED  
**THAT the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 be adopted.**

#### 3. Unfinished Business

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#### 4. New Business

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### **Descendants of the Komagata Maru Delegation**

#### 4.1 Delegation: Raj Singh Toor

Mr. Raj Singh Toor, a direct descendant of one of the Komagata Maru passengers, gave a presentation regarding recognition for the Komagata Maru tragedy, noting the following:

- the Komagata Maru arrived in Vancouver on May 23, 1914 with 376 passengers, all of which were British subjects and were British passport holders;
- the Canadian government denied the passengers entry, and no food, water, nor medication were provided to the passengers;
- the ship was forcefully sent back to British-ruled India, and British troops open fired on the passengers when the ship returned to India;
- around 20 passengers were killed, with many injured and imprisoned;
- the BC government formally apologized in 2008; the federal government apologized 2016, and the City of Vancouver apologized for its role on June 10 2020;
- the City of New Westminster passed a motion to recognize the passengers, and renamed a ferry dock and trail in memory of the passengers;
- Delta also passed a motion to recognize the injustice suffered by the passengers;
- Port Moody has a direct connection to the incident, as many of the passengers were workers in the lumber mills in Port Moody; and
- the delegation requests action from the City to commemorate the incident, such as renaming a park or a street, or the installing a storyboard at Rocky Point Park.

The Commission members thanked Mr. Toor for his delegation, and noted the following:

- the Commission expressed support for the Komagata Maru campaign;
- the City has a long-standing history with its sawmills;
- Mr. Toor can consider reaching out to the owners of the sawmills to begin conversations around the history of South Asians working in the sawmills;
- Commission member Laura Dick will provide Mr. Toor with contact information for the sawmill owner to potentially begin the conversation.

Mr. Toor left the meeting at this point and did not return.

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- Council did not specify the form of commemoration when it referred the delegation to the Commission; the Commission is free to make its own recommendation;
- a storyboard on the incident near the Pigeon Creek stone marker can be considered;
- storyboards around Metro Vancouver on this incident seem to have the same pictures and content, with the same story being told in each municipality;
- a storyboard can be placed at a location with visible water view, and highlight stories about ships docking at Port Moody;
- the Society can partner with the City to create an impactful storyboard which highlights the City's direct connection to the tragedy; and
- there may be additional information directly from the sawmill which can further connect the story to Port Moody.

HC21/010

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT a storyboard concept be explored with the Komagata Maru Society to commemorate the incident;**

**AND THAT the Heritage Commission be directed to work with the Komagata Maru Society to draft the storyboard content and to facilitate outreach with potential partners.**

**Storyboard Subcommittee Update**

4.2 Storyboard Subcommittee

The Subcommittee noted that research at the museum is ongoing, and that the pandemic has made this more difficult.

**Stone Marker Subcommittee Update**

4.3 Stone Marker Subcommittee

The Subcommittee noted that there has been difficulties in accessing the museum due to the pandemic.

**Indigenous Subcommittee Update**

4.4 Indigenous Subcommittee

The Indigenous Subcommittee noted the following:

- while attempting to move forward with heritage language project, the Subcommittee received some feedback regarding whether or not and how effectively the Subcommittee can partner with the First Nations community to carry this project out;
- there are some perceptions that the City needs to commit to additional work to understand its own history

and its impact on First Nations history, and to improve relationships, before undertaking broader outreach and collaboration work;

- it may be unfair to expect Indigenous communities to provide support for the work, and the Subcommittee did not want to give the impression that this was the expectation;
- the Subcommittee may not carry enough weight to conduct this work, which may be out of the scope of the Subcommittee or the Commission; and
- the Subcommittee recommends a call to action to acknowledge the need for reflection and to put together an action plan to commit resources into this work.

HC21/011

Moved and seconded

**WHEREAS the City of Port Moody has committed to meaningful redress and reconciliation;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Moody formally commit to undertaking a critical reflection of its historical relationship with Indigenous peoples and their lands;**

**AND THAT an appropriate third party be identified to carry out the work;**

**AND THAT the appropriate resources be determined and allocated to plan, research and report the findings;**

**AND THAT the resultant report outline future actions that the City of Port Moody will take to appropriately acknowledge the findings, prioritizing transparent collaboration with Indigenous peoples with a right and interest in the place we now know as Port Moody.**

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- the motion is intended to be “step zero” of the truth and reconciliation process and must be done first, as while the City is committed to reconciliation, it has not investigated and reflected on its past to understand where and how reconciliation and change can begin;
- it is important for the City to undertake its own work and not rely on Indigenous people to tell the story, as it would not call on Indigenous peoples to recall their own trauma as it relates to actions from all levels of government, and allows the City to do its own learning;
- research into the City’s historical documents, bylaws, policies, etc., may yield previous unknown facts about

- the City's relationship with Indigenous peoples;
- a third party or volunteer support can be used to support this work, depending on funding and the availability of external expertise;
- liaising with Indigenous leadership requires a different protocol and should be done with care;
- Council can decide to incorporate this into existing and ongoing work to establish relationships; this work may take some time;
- the Squamish Nation released a 2021 heritage policy which is in depth and discusses paths of communication, and what the Squamish people want to see moving forward regarding reconciliation; and
- 2022 is the beginning of the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages; the Heritage Commission can consider including this in its future work plans.

The question on the main motion (HC21/011) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

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## 5. Information

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### Staff Updates

5.1 There were no staff updates.

6. Adjournment

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm.

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Councillor Meghan Lahti,  
Chair

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Philip Lo,  
Committee Coordinator

## Heritage Commission Draft 2021 Work Plan Calendar

MONTH	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
FOCUS AREA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Wayfinding Subcommittee Kiosk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art In Public Spaces Master Plan - Heritage Commission Feedback</li> <li>2021 loco Townsite 100th Anniversary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate the Storyboard Program (existing topics)</li> <li>'On This Spot' Heritage App</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OCP Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OCP Update</li> <li>Operate the Stone Marker Program (review nominations for 2022)</li> <li>Heritage BC Conference May 6-7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage BC Conference re-cap</li> <li>Community Outreach and Activities (promotional material)</li> <li>Additions to Heritage Register</li> </ul>

MONTH	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
FOCUS AREA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous Heritage</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>loco Ghost Town Day</li> <li>2021 Heritage Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'On This Spot' Heritage App</li> <li>2021 Heritage Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage Week 2022</li> </ul>	

Project/Activity	Month	2021 Budget	Comments	Outcome	Heritage Strategic Plan 2016-2022
Joint Wayfinding Subcommittee Kiosk	January	\$0	Discuss partnership opportunity with Tourism Committee to create Heritage themed wayfinding signs at Moody Centre Station/Clarke Street.	Support creation of wayfinding signs	Strategy 4.1
Art In Public Spaces Master Plan - Heritage Commission Feedback	February	\$0	Provide comments and feedback to Manager of Cultural Services on the draft Art in Public Spaces Master Plan.	Comments and feedback incorporated into final Art In Public Spaces Master Plan	Strategy 1.2
2021 Ioco Townsite 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	February/ October	\$500	Explore partnership with Heritage Society to discuss opportunities for planning, advertising, and participating in the 2021 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ioco Townsite event.	Planning for 2021 event	Strategy 1.6
Operate the Storyboard Program	March	\$800	Ordering, installing and unveiling of Storyboards. Review nominations as they are received by the Commission and plan Storyboard for 2021-22.  Complete Storyboard in-progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mills Storyboard</li> </ul>	Finish 2019 and 2020 storyboard and plan for 2021-22 storyboard	Strategy 2.1
'On This Spot' Heritage App	March/October	\$0	Research and review opportunities to support On This Spot app.  Support the implementation of the Heritage app by contributing to and reviewing content and photos.	On This Spot app in Port Moody	Strategy 3.1, 4.1

OCP Update	April/May	\$0	Participate in OCP update and provide feedback and comments to Policy Planning Staff.	Comments and feedback incorporated into OCP update	Strategy 1.2
Operate the Stone Marker Program	May	\$1500	Reviewing nominations and planning for a stone marker in 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arthur White</li> </ul>	Review and plan for a new stone marker in 2021	Strategy 2.1
Education Activities and Events	May	\$700	Heritage BC Conference May 2021 Heritage BC Webinars (as available) Other courses, as available	Provide educational opportunities for Commission members	Strategy 1.9, 4.2,
Community Outreach and Activities	May/June	\$1200	Planning for community events and activities, developing promotional/engagement materials and staff time required to produce materials. Focus is on promotional and educational materials that can be easily transported to events.	Create engaging activities and materials for community events	Strategy 4.2
Additions to Heritage Register	June	\$1500	One Statement of Significance (SOS) completed by a consultant to support heritage register additions.	Add Heritage Property to Heritage Register in 2020	Strategy 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
Indigenous Heritage	July	\$1000	Implementation of 2021 Indigenous Heritage Subcommittee which includes creating an inventory of storyboards and stonemarkers; inviting a guest speaker to present on decolonization as relates to heritage language at municipal level; engaging local First Nations; and reviewing the inventory and providing recommendations.	Support indigenous heritage	Strategy 4.8

2021 Ioco Ghost Town Days	September	\$500	Planning and advertising for virtual event.	Promote activities of Heritage Commission	Strategy 4.2
2021 Heritage Award	June/July (advertising) September/October (award selection)	\$700	Heritage Award advertising and selection.	Select 2021 Heritage Award winner for Council consideration	Strategy 4.2
Heritage Week 2022	November	\$500	Advertising, staff time, promotional items, entertainers/speakers, prizes, food/beverages, etc.	Planning for Heritage Week 2022	Strategy 4.2
Heritage Grants and Incentives	Ongoing	\$1100	Continuation of work done in 2019 by sub-committee. Implementation of Heritage grant program completed by consultant.	Establishment of Heritage grant program	Strategy 1.4
Clarke Street Revitalization Plan	As Necessary	\$0	Provide input into the Clarke Street Revitalization plan as updates are provided from Manager of Economic Development.	Revitalisation of Clarke Street's heritage resources	Strategy 1.7
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>10,000.00</b>			

<b>Carry Over from 2020 (yet to be confirmed)</b>					
2021 Heritage Week	February 2020	\$500	Planning for Heritage Week Feb 15-21, 2021.	Planning for Heritage Week 2021	Strategy 4.2
Mills 2019 Storyboard	April 2020	\$2050	Ordering, installing and unveiling of Storyboard from previous workplan.	2019 Storyboard	Strategy 2.1
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$2550</i>			