



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of November 8, 2010 – 9 am City Hall – Council Chambers

Present: J. Drysdale
K. Gresley-Jones
V. Profili
L. Doell
B. Kerby
H. Smith

Absent: M. Fournier-Beck

Prior to the meeting, Jackie shared some observations on research she has done on Block 2 of the Columbia Cemetery using the original documentation of the Cemetery. There are some “discrepancies” between the map (1963) and the Register of Plots and the Burial Permits. Food for thought as restoration plans develop!

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am

Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda - carried

Minutes: Motion to adopt Minutes of September 27, 2010 Meeting - carried

Old business

- 1) Signage at the Columbia Cemetery - Larry reported that the support structures are up and ready for the signs. Pleased with the work of Garth Fleming who is doing the job of installation for \$7000
- 2) Contact with the Heritage Branch - contact is appreciated and help always available but no grant money available for 2011
- 3) Placing ashes in the Columbia Cemetery - the city administrator is working with the City of Trail to implement a process which would involve the crew at Mountain View Cemetery
- 4) “Early Cemeteries of Rossland” - booklets have been distributed and some are kept for sale at \$20.00 a copy - one to go to RSS
- 5) Financial status of Commission - report for information
- 6) Centennial Video project - no new information but the City has researched the project and there is nothing at the Museum. Vince supplied the name of the person doing the work in 1996/97
- 7) Tabled Motion - not brought forward

New business

- 1) Information from Ronald Shearer on "Chinatown and the Chinese in early Rossland" - Jackie has pursued an e-mail contact and sent electronic copies of his work to the Museum and the City Planning Dept. for archiving. (Ronald Shearer is a retired Economics Professor at UBC with a passion for research - a contact that could be very beneficial to those documenting Rossland's history)
- 2) Louie Joe Trail - suggestions from the community for the name of the new Trail in lower Rossland have centered around "Louie Joe", one of the last vegetable peddlers in the Chinese Gardens in the 1950's. Given the location of the Trail and the fact that very little recognition has been given to the Chinese and the Chinese gardens in Rossland, the Heritage Commission supports this idea.

MOTION - the name for the new trail in Lower Rossland, from Thompson Avenue to the top of the Golf Course development, should be named, "The Louie Joe Trail".

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION - An informational sign about Louie Joe and the Chinese Gardens should be placed on the rock bluff overlooking the Gardens. A bench is also a good idea.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION - the Heritage Commission recognizes that Louie Joe in an Anglicized name and that thought should be given to the spelling and wording on any signs and pamphlets, etc. The Commission would be pleased to help in this matter.

CARRIED

- 3) Summary of H.C. Activities for 2010 - discussion and draft to be circulated to members from Jackie and then on to Council as an official report for the year as required by the terms of reference
- 4) Plans for 2011 - Discussion of direction and projects for next year - Jackie will summarize this for members and Council and a budget request will be developed that reflects these plans
- 5) Signage Ideas - pictures of metal, horizontal signs (from Calgary) will be circulated for members' interest and comments. Staff will price these signs for budget discussion purposes.

Meeting was adjourned - 10:45 am