

COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: DEANNA WASNIK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: Prince George Heritage Commission 2021 Annual Report

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Prince George Heritage Commission 2022 Work Plan
2. City of Prince George Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 8133, 2008

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council APPROVES the Prince George Heritage Commission 2022 Work Plan as attached to the report dated February 23, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Prince George Heritage Commission 2021 Annual Report."

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Mayor and Council on the progress of the Prince George Heritage Commission for the year 2021.

The Prince George Heritage Commission advises in matters regarding the protection, conservation, and interpretation of heritage resources and buildings within the Community. The committee consists of nine volunteer citizens appointed by Council, with terms of reference for the Committee guided by the City of Prince George Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 8133, 2008 (attached).

WORK OF THE HERITAGE COMMISSION IN 2021

The Prince George Heritage Commission has experienced a turnover of volunteer members due to a variety of circumstances including members relocating to other municipalities, lack of meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a realignment of member's availability to support work of the Commission.

Due to the lack of meetings, the Prince George Heritage Commission was only able to meet three times in 2021. During these meetings, working groups were formed to allow the commission members opportunity to work outside of formal committee meetings.

GOALS AND WORKPLAN FOR 2022

The Commission recently concluded its annual recruitment for membership for the 2022 term in which five (5) members were appointed to the Heritage Commission bringing the total membership complement to its maximum of nine (9) members.

Most members on the Commission are new to the Commission and therefore 2022 will be considered a capacity building year for the Commission through attendance at on-demand webinars offered through Heritage BC, in-house training sessions and liaising with other heritage-related organizations within Prince George.

It is the hope of the Commission that following training sessions in spring and summer that much of the fall will be spent advancing heritage properties to the Prince George Heritage Register.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Although a capacity-building year, throughout 2022, the Heritage Commission continues to encourage the protection and conservation of heritage buildings as well as to provide support for heritage resources within the Community.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Meeting Date: 2022/03/14