

DATE: January 20, 2020

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Prince George Heritage Commission

SUBJECT: Additions to the City of Prince George Heritage Register

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Statement of Significance for Additions to the Heritage Register
2. Property Owner Consent Forms
3. PowerPoint Presentation

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. ADDS to the Prince George Heritage Register, the following properties, as identified by the City of Prince George Heritage Commission:
 - a. Nielson House (2280 McBride Crescent)
 - b. Buchan House (2755 Hammond Avenue)
2. AUTHORIZES Administration to proceed with the legislated notification in accordance with Section 598 of the *Local Government Act*.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to request that Council add the following properties to the Prince George Heritage Register:

- Nielson House (2280 McBride Crescent)
- Buchan House (2755 Hammond Avenue)

BACKGROUND:

Overview of a Heritage Register

A Heritage Register is an official listing of properties with heritage value. Additions to the Heritage Register require a Council Resolution. The *Local Government Act* enables municipalities to protect heritage properties through various tools, including a Heritage Register, which offers a lower level of protection compared to other protection tools that are available through the *Local Government Act*.

Municipalities cannot reject applications to alter or demolish buildings based solely on the fact that those buildings are on the Heritage Register. The intent of a Heritage Register is to develop a formal

listing of properties with heritage value. The Heritage Register allows the City to flag properties so that they can advise property owners about the historical value of their property and to allow the City to monitor alterations to heritage buildings. The Heritage Register also helps to create a sense of pride in our community's unique heritage.

Each property on the Heritage Register has a Statement of Significance (SOS). The SOS identifies key historical elements and provides a summary of design characteristics that should be retained or restored in order to respect the heritage value of the building. The *Local Government Act* requires that a Heritage Register indicate reasons why a property has heritage value and the SOS fulfills this requirement.

Existing Heritage Register

The Heritage Register, which was adopted on December 3rd, 2007, currently contains 13 sites. These sites are listed below along with the dates that they were added to the Register.

December 3rd, 2007:

- South Fort George School House (755 20th Avenue)
- Sixth Avenue Liquor Store (1188 6th Avenue)
- Federal Government Building (1293 3rd Avenue)
- Nechako Crossing (west of the confluence of Nechako and Fraser River)

January 9th, 2016:

- Munro/Moffat House (153 Moffat Street)
- Pitman House (2387 McBride Crescent)

January 8th, 2018

- Taylor House (1872 10th Avenue)
- Dogwood and Elm Street Trees
- Vancouver Street Trees
- Quinson Elementary School (251 South Ogilvie Street)

January 7th, 2019

- Howieson Residence (2688 Inlander Street)
- Hilliard Clare Masonic Hall (480 Vancouver Street)
- Professional Building (1705 3rd Avenue)

POLICY/REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

Heritage Register Procedure

In 2016, the Heritage Commission developed a Heritage Register Procedure to guide the Commission in making additions to the Heritage Register. The Procedure sets out the timing and responsibilities for nominating properties to the register. The Procedure suggests the Commission recommend that Council authorize additions to the register annually.

Property Owner's Consent

The *Local Government Act* does not require the property owner's permission in order to add a property to the Heritage Register. However, Administration and Commission members consulted with property owners and are only recommending adding properties in cases where the property owner was in agreement with having their property listed on the Heritage Register.

Additions to the Heritage Register

On *November 7, 2019*, the Heritage Commission passed the following motion, approving the content of the Statements of Significance for the proposed two additions to the City of Prince George Heritage Register:

Moved by Ms. Rubadeau, seconded by Ms. Smith, that the Commission APPROVES the content of the Statements of Significance for the "Buchan House" and the "Nielson House", as attached to the Commission's November 7, 2019 meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

On *December 12, 2019*, the Heritage Commission passed the following motion, approving this Report to Council, recommending the addition of the proposed properties to the City of Prince George Heritage Register:

Moved by Ms. Reimers, seconded by Mr. Hufty, that the Commission APPROVES the Report to Council regarding the Heritage Register for the January 20, 2020 regular Council meeting, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

The Heritage Commission selected these properties because they are identifiable historical buildings that represent aesthetic, historical and spiritual significance to the community. More information specific to each property's heritage value is attached on the Statements of Significance (SOS). The property owners have confirmed that they consent to these properties being added to the Heritage Register (see attached Property Owner Consent Forms).

Notification to the Province and Property Owner

Section 598 of the *Local Government Act* requires a local government to notify the Provincial Heritage Minister and the owner of the heritage property within 30 days of adding a property to the Heritage Register. If Council supports the recommendation to add two properties to the Heritage Register, Administration will carry out these notifications.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Expanding the Heritage Register is consistent with the Council Focus Area to "Collaborate with local organizations and partners to enhance quality of life, cultural vitality, local heritage, and inter-cultural understanding".

The expansion of the Heritage Register will also contribute to achieving the following policy objective identified in the *City of Prince George Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 8686, 2011*:

- Objective 7.4.1 - Protect and foster the preservation of representative samples of natural and built heritage as well as key landscapes and neighbourhoods, and work to preserve, conserve, restore and promote awareness of this resource. Ensure that these are incorporated into long-term planning in a way that should balance preservation with growth and renewal through the prudent application of incentives and regulation.


The addition of heritage properties and sites to the Prince George Heritage Register is identified within the Heritage Commission's work plan approved by Council on March 11, 2019.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

A major focus of the Prince George Heritage Commission continues to be to facilitate the expansion of the City of Prince George Heritage Register. The expansion of the Heritage Register aligns with Council's goals of enhancing cultural richness, establishing community identity and building civic pride.

This report recommends that Council pass a resolution to add the properties identified by the Prince George Heritage Commission to the Heritage Register.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Alisha Rubadeau, Heritage Commission Chair

Tristin Deveau, Planner

Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development

Chris Bone, Associate Director Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships

APPROVED:

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Deanna Wasnik - Jan 27, 2020 - 2:52 PM

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Ian Wells - Jan 27, 2020 - 2:58 PM

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Kathleen Soltis - Jan 27, 2020 - 4:10 PM