



CITY OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

BYLAW NO. 7906

EFFECTIVE DATE – MAY 9, 2005



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The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

PART ONE: RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

- 1.1 A Community Heritage Commission known as the "Richmond Heritage Commission", is continued.

PART TWO: TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 The **Commission**

- (a) advises **Council** on heritage conservation and promotion matters; and
- (b) undertakes and provides support for activities that benefit and advance heritage in the **City**.

PART THREE: DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

3.1 The duties of the **Commission** are as follows:

- (a) to review and submit recommendations to **Council** on land use and planning matters which have heritage implications;
- (b) to assist **City** staff to maintain heritage inventories or registers;
- (c) to recommend strategies and policies to **Council**, and undertake programs for the support of heritage conservation;
- (d) to liaise with the community;
- (e) to recruit volunteers for specific **Commission** projects;
- (f) to support heritage education and public awareness through programs such as Heritage Week displays, newsletters and a Heritage Recognition Program;
- (g) to prepare a work program and an annual report;
- (h) to prepare annual financial statements and budgets;

- (i) to manage the operations of the **Commission** and other **Commission** budgets as required;
- (j) to review and submit recommendations on the capital and operational budgets of the **City** with regard to heritage; and
- (k) to raise funds and pursue partnerships for the support of conservation and promotion of heritage.

PART FOUR: COMMISSION COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT

4.1 Appointment and Term of Office of Members

- 4.1.1 The **Commission** is to consist of nine members of the public, appointed by **Council**, who:
 - a) must not be **City** employees; and
 - b) must have an interest or expertise in local heritage conservation, architecture, planning, building construction, business or economic development, tourism and history.
- 4.1.2 In addition to the nine members appointed in accordance with subsection 4.1.1, **Council** must appoint annually to the **Commission** one non-voting liaison **Council member**.
- 4.1.3 The term of office of each member appointed in accordance with subsection 4.1.1 is to be two years, commencing January 1st of the first year and ending December 31st of the second year.
- 4.1.4 **Council** must appoint sufficient members to ensure that membership in the **Commission** is at all times equal to or greater than five.
- 4.1.5 **Council** may terminate the appointment of any member of the **Commission** without notice.
- 4.1.6 The **Commission** may review the attendance circumstances of any member who has missed three consecutive meetings without prior permission, and may recommend to **Council** that the membership of such member be terminated.
- 4.1.7 No member of the **Commission** will receive any remuneration for services, however, a member is entitled to reimbursement for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of, and previously approved by, the **Commission**.

4.2 Appointment of Executive and Establishment of Committees

- 4.2.1 The **Commission**, at its first meeting each year, or as soon as possible thereafter:

- (a) must elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer; and
- (b) may establish the following committees and their chairs:
 - (i) Planning and Policy;
 - (ii) Finance and Administration;
 - (iii) Promotions and Programs; and
 - (iv) other committees and their chairs as are deemed necessary.

PART FIVE: OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION

- 5.1 The **Commission** may adopt rules of procedure which are consistent with *the Local Government Act*, the *Community Charter*, the *Council Procedure Bylaw* or this bylaw, as necessary.
- 5.2 Prior to November 30th each year, the **Commission** must:
 - (a) present an annual report to **Council**, setting out its activities and accomplishments for the previous year, and include any financial statements which **Council** requires; and
 - (b) present to **Council** for its approval, a work plan and budget for the next year.
- 5.3 A quorum of the **Commission** is five members.
- 5.4 The **Commission** must meet not less than six times each calendar year, unless otherwise directed by **Council**.
- 5.5 The Chair, or any two members, may call a special meeting of the **Commission** by giving at least four days notice in writing to each member, stating the purpose for which the meeting is called.
- 5.6 All members of the **Commission**, excluding the **Council** member, may vote on motions before it, and where the votes of the members present for and against any motion are equal, such motion is defeated.
- 5.7 Any member present at a meeting who abstains from voting is deemed to have voted in the affirmative.
- 5.8 The Chair must preserve order and decide all points of order which may arise, subject to an appeal from the other members present, and all such appeals must be decided without debate.
- 5.9 All motions before the **Commission** must be decided by a majority of the members present.
- 5.10 No act or other proceedings of the **Commission** are valid unless authorized by resolution at a meeting of the **Commission**.

- 5.11 The minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the **Commission** must:
 - (a) be maintained as directed by the **Director, City Clerk’s Office**;
 - (b) be presented to the Commission for adoption; and
 - (c) following each Commission meeting, when signed by the Chair or member presiding, be forwarded to the **Director, City Clerk’s Office** for custody.
- 5.12 A staff liaison may be appointed by the General Manager, Urban Development to attend all meetings and provide advice, guidance and information to the **Commission**.
- 5.13 The **Commission** may hire consultants, based on its approved budget, to assist in implementing the duties specified in Part 3.

PART SIX: INTERPRETATION

6.1 In this bylaw:

- CITY** means the City of Richmond.
- COMMISSION** means the Richmond Heritage Commission as continued under section 953 of the *Local Government Act*.
- COUNCIL** means the Council of the **City**.
- COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION** means the Richmond Heritage Commission acting under section 176 (1) (g) of the *Local Government Act* or section 143 of the *Community Charter*.
- DIRECTOR, CITY CLERK’S OFFICE** means the Corporate Officer appointed by Council and assigned responsibility for corporate administration of the City under Section 148 of the *Community Charter*.

PART SEVEN: PREVIOUS BYLAW REPEAL

7.1 Heritage Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 6873 (adopted on November 23rd, 1998) is repealed.

PART EIGHT: CITATION

8.1 This bylaw is cited as "**Richmond Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 7906**".

READ A FIRST TIME ON: _____

READ A SECOND TIME ON: _____

READ A THIRD TIME ON: _____

ADOPTED ON: _____

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER