



Corporation of the Village of Cumberland

Heritage Commission

Agenda

Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 5:30pm
Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** March 5, 2018
4. **New Heritage Commission Member:** Welcome to Meaghan Cursons
5. **Heritage BC Conference:** Reminder: Thursday-Friday May 10-11, 2018, New Westminster. Heritage BC website has details regarding program.
6. **Statement of Significance (SOS) Project:** The first three of the draft Statements of Significance from the heritage consultants are attached as pdf's in the email. Please review prior to the meeting and come prepared with comments. Note that the consultants are asking for high-level big-picture feedback - such as does the statement capture the value of this place from the Cumberland perspective? Include detailed feedback - any CDEs missed? Do the details ring true? Consultants welcome comments and questions.
7. **Cumberland United Church:** Council has requested a Statement of Significance for the Cumberland United Church as the first step in considering its heritage value. The draft SOS (by staff) is attached to the agenda. The Council report regarding the United Church was in the March agenda package. Please review the draft SOS prior to the meeting and be ready to discuss needed revisions. The consultants SOS's will be a useful guide.
8. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday May 7, 2018 5:30 pm.
10. **Termination**



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Heritage Commission Minutes

Minutes of the Heritage Commission held on Monday, March 5, 2018 in Council Chambers at 2675 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland, BC.

PRESENT: Mike Tymchuk Chair
Gillian Brooks
Paul Laronde
Lief Roebuck
Councillor Gwyn Sproule

STAFF Judith Walker, Senior Planner Secretary

1. **Call to Order 5:35 pm**
2. **Approval of Agenda**

Webber/Laronde: THAT the agenda be approved a presented.
CARRIED

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

Sproule/Brooks: THAT the minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting be approved.
CARRIED

4. **Heritage BC Conference**

Reminder: Thursday-Friday May 10-11, 2019 New Westminster. Watch Heritage BC website for details.

5. **Statement of Significance Project**

The consultants expect to provide a draft in early March. Staff will bring draft to April meeting to review.

6. **Heritage Commission New Member:** Welcome to Lief Roebuck

7. **Referral from Council:** 2727 Dunsmuir Avenue – 2018-01 HAP & DVP – Commercial and Residential mixed use building with small rental unit apartments. Variance requested for parking requirements. Discussion regarding two separate issues of the HAP and the DVP for the parking.

Laronde/Sproule: THAT the Heritage Commission recommends that Council grant 2018-01 HAP for property described as Lot B, Block 7, District Lot 21, Plan 522 (2727 Dunsmuir Avenue) substantially in compliance in compliance with the Heritage Alteration Permit 2018-01 HAP dated March 2, 2018.

CARRIED

Brooks/Roebuck: THAT the Heritage Commission supports the requested 30 parking space variance (2018-01 DVP for 2727 Dunsmuir Avenue) for parking and recommends to Council that the parking variance be granted.

CARRIED

Councillor Sproule opposed the motion

8. 2017 Report and 2018 Work Plan

Sproule/Webber: THAT the Heritage Commission accepts the Heritage Commission Work Priorities Plan 2018 as put forward by the Chair.

CARRIED

- 9. Next Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday April 3, 2018** in Council chambers at 5:30pm. This is due to Easter Monday holiday. HC meeting will need to terminate by 6:50pm for 7pm. Village Hall meeting.

10. Termination

Brooks/Laronde: THAT the meeting terminate.

Time: 6:40pm.

Certified Correct:

Confirmed:

Judith Walker
Recording Secretary

Mike Tymchuk
Chair

Statement of Significance

Cumberland United Church - 1895
2688 Penrith Avenue, Cumberland BC



Prepared by Village of Cumberland
March 2018



Cumberland United Church
2688 Penrith Avenue, Cumberland BC

Descriptive Documentation of Historic Place

The Cumberland United Church at 2688 Penrith Avenue is a large wood framed church. It is situated one block north of the historic downtown, at the corner of Penrith Avenue and First Street.

Heritage Values of the Historic Place

The Cumberland United Church as cultural, historical and social value as an enduring record of community life in Cumberland.

The church was built in 1895, originally as the Presbyterian Church and later as the United Church when the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congressional Churches amalgamated in 1925. It has functioned as a community church for over 120 years.

The original building had wood siding, stained glass windows and a 96 foot tall spire which was the main entrance. Through decades of renovations, the spire was reduced to its present height, the building was sided in stucco and roofed in red metal, and several interior renovations were done to accommodate changing needs of the congregation.

The survival of this church is a feat in itself in a mining village which suffered frequent fires that destroyed many homes and businesses. While the architecture today does not have the elegance of the original spire or the more delicate massing of the original structure, it has persevered. While other churches have been sold and are no longer in the public realm, this is one of the last functioning churches in the Village.

Since its founding, the Cumberland United Church has been central to the life of the Village, contributing moral and spiritual strength to the community, providing a gathering place in a welcoming atmosphere.

Character-Defining Elements

Exterior:

- Gothic revival style building
- Asymmetrical form including the front-gabled structure with entrance, and a cross-axial east gable
- Designed by James Carthew and built by Daniel C. McDonald
- 96 foot original spire with 4 windows part way up with stained glass, truncated in 1959
- Other exterior restoration of the building in 1959 included stucco exterior walls and gables covered with cedar board and batten
- Entrance on west wall was stuccoed over in 1959 and re-opened in 1996
- Building roofed in red steel in 1985
- Bell donated in 1896, manufactured by the Buckeye Bell Foundry in the USA
- Stained glass windows depicting individual stories and scenes in Cumberland (ck with museum)

Interior

- 340 seats of cedar, with a hard oil finish, placed with a circular form
- Wainscoting stained cherry red
- Pipe organ, “church’s chief treasure” ¹: built in London, shipped around Cape Horn in 1878 to an Esquimalt church, then sold to Courtenay Presbyterian church. Purchased by the United Church in 1952 and was restored

Current photographs

Details

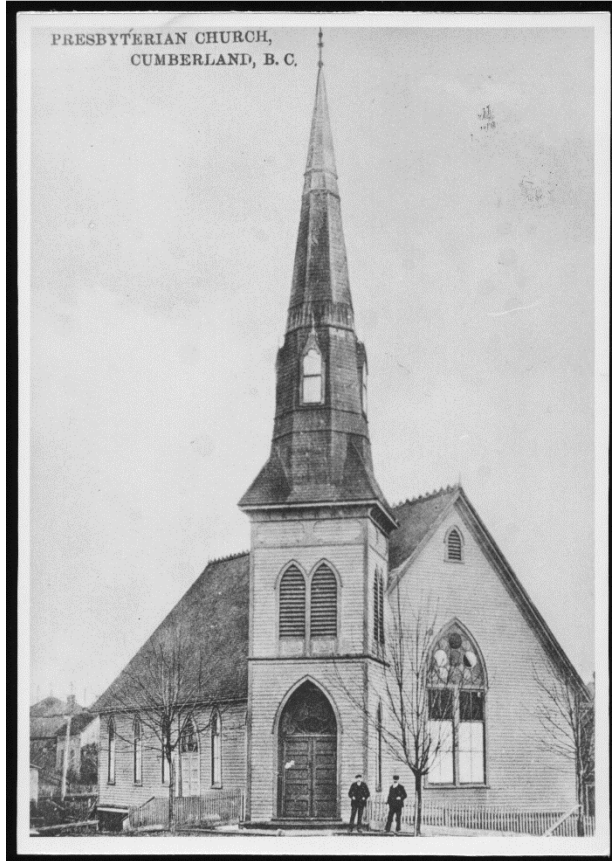
Street views



Current interior photographs



Archival photographs



Research Resources

Barr, Jennifer. 1997. Cumberland Heritage: A Selected History of People, Buildings, Institutions and Sites 1888-1950. Corporation of the Village of Cumberland.

Cumberland Museum and Archives – Cumberland United Church file and archival photographs

Isenor, Stephens & Watson. 1988. One Hundred Spirited Years. Ptarmigan Press.

Site Visit ?, 2018

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