

**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland  
Heritage Committee**

**December 4, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Masonic Hall, 2687 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland, BC**



Members Present: Meaghan Cursons, Chair  
Eric Pattison  
Marianne Bell  
Lois Harris  
Hugh McLean  
Councillor Neil Borecky

Regrets: Kaili Zevenbergen

Staff: Jasmeen Kaur Sidu, Planning Technician  
Karin Albert, Senior Planner  
Courtney Simpson, Director of Development and Bylaw Services

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The chair called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Harris

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT the agenda for December 4, 2025 be approved.

**Carried Unanimously**

**2. Minutes**

Moved by: Harris

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT the minutes of the October 16, 2025 meeting be adopted.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. Unfinished Business**

None.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Council Referral HAP 2502-2687 Penrith Avenue, the Abbey Studio**

Jasmeen presented on the HAP for the fence at the Abbey Studio.

*Discussion:*

- Recognition of the important function the building serves in the community as a meeting and event space.
- The change made is fairly minor.
- There are currently five different types of fences due to alterations and additions over time. It is not unusual to see changes to buildings, what is “historic” is often messy.
- Appearance of fences and railings is hodge podge and could have been thought out better.
- The recent additions/improvements in wood could be stained to make everything darker and create unity across the different installations. The black rod iron gate will recede and be visually neutral.

Moved by: Pattison

Seconded by: Harris

THAT the Heritage Committee recommend that Council approve HAP 2502 with the condition that all the front facing wood be stained a dark brown colour.

**Carried**

**One abstention**

**4.2 Statement of Significance for the Abbey Studio and Cumberland Electric Co. Hydro Plant Remnants**

*Discussion*

The two Statements of Significance shared earlier this year with the Committee have been finalized.

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: McLean

THAT the Heritage Committee recommend to Council to add the Abbey Studio and Cumberland Electric Co. Hydro Plant Remnants to the Cumberland Community Heritage Register.

**4.3 Presentation on Heritage Conservation Plan – 3831 Moncton St., Richmond, BC**

Hugh McLean presented on a conservation plan for Ikeda Dry Goods in Steveston.

The building is similar to some of the commercial buildings in Cumberland. It is small and modest, representing early commercial buildings in the community.

Steveston is also a Heritage Conservation Area. Cumberland's Historic Village Commercial Core has a lot in common with Steveston. As part of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA), the owners of the property at 3831 Moncton Street, were able to obtain additional density on the property for a proposed 3-storey boutique hotel behind the Ikeda Dry Goods building on the same lot. As part of the HRA, the owners were also able to get funding from the City of Richmond to restore the historic building. Hugh explained the restoration work that was undertaken.

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

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