

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 100, City Hall, Salmon Arm, British Columbia.

PRESENT:

Councillor Louise Wallace-Richmond
Cindy Malinowski
Harry Welton
Pat Kassa
Deborah Chapman
Mary Landers

REGRETS:

Tim Dunne

STAFF:

Jon Turlock, Planning & Development Officer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Presentations

2.1 Scott Property (Orchard House) - 720 - 22 Street NE

Deborah Chapman provided a slide presentation of photographs she took of Scott Property (Orchard House) during the Commission's walkthrough of the building on January 23, 2017.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Community Heritage Commission Meeting of January 17, 2017.

Moved: Harry Welton/Seconded: Pat Kassa

THAT: the Minutes of the Meeting of January 17, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Items

4.1 Scott Property (Orchard House) - 720 - 22 Street NE

Moved: Mary Landers / Seconded: Cindy Malinowski

THAT: the Statement of Significance for the Scott Property be forwarded to City Council with a request that it be included in the City of Salmon Arm Community Heritage Register.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deborah Chapman provided a draft Statement of Significance for the Scott Property prepared by the Commission's research group. A number of edits were recommended and the Commission agreed to the wording and format of the final document, copy attached. It was the consensus of the Commission that the Scott Property (Orchard House) is historically significant and meets the criteria for inclusion in the City of Salmon Arm Community Heritage Register.

5. Late items

5.1 Scott Property (Orchard House) Open House

Louise Wallace-Richmond reminded the Commission that a public open house of the Scott Property (Orchard House) is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All members of the public are invited to view the property and have a walkthrough of the building.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular CHC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 100 at City Hall.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p. m.



Louise Wallace Richmond, Chair
Community Heritage Commission

720 - 22 Street NE
Scott Property
Salmon Arm
Circa 1912-1916

Description

Named Dilkusha, the Lt. Colonel Bernard Scott house is a one and half storey wooden Craftsman Bungalow¹ located in the south east corner of the 1.1 acre parcel at the dead-end of 22 Street NE and in proximity to the historic Old Enderby Road. It is surrounded by several large, mature trees.



Image courtesy Jim Grieve, Personal Real Estate Corporation
circa 2015

Values

Dilkusha is valued primarily for its historical, aesthetic and social significance. Surrounded by more recent subdivisions, recreational and educational facilities, and commercial enterprises, the house is valued as an historic hub to development in the area.

The house has a close relationship to the area's historic agricultural sector, originally situated in the heart of an orchard that grew apples and tulips for national markets. Its owner, Lt. Colonel Scott, was known to have one of the best McIntosh groves in the district. Scott advocated for standardization and growing varieties of apples that were profitable. He believed off-year yields could be offset by sideline crops and augmented his apple sales by growing raspberries and rhubarb. Scott represented the Associated Growers in the English market. He also spent 13 years experimenting, growing and selling tulips. In its prime, Scott's Dilkusha tulip bulb nursery² grew over half a million blooms.

Aesthetic values are present in the original Craftsman bungalow design and floor plan, reflecting roots in the British Colonial Raj Bungalow style of construction. Typical of the East Asian inspired Arts and Craft movement, the building plans called for wood products that were readily available in the region. The extensive two-sided verandah and its sloping floors are now enclosed.

When a commercial kitchen was installed in 1983, the house was advertised as a "special place to dine." Appropriately named the Orchard House, the Bells acknowledged the history of the building and its important community-valued heritage. The restaurant served as a place to celebrate special events in the lives of many community members until 2015.

Character Defining Elements

Key elements that define the heritage character of the Scott property include:

¹ See: <https://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/house-styles/craftsman-bungalow/>

² Referred to as Col. Scott's tulip bulb farm in *the Salmon Arm Observer*, May 22, 1930.

Site:

- Mature trees
- Generous yard around the house
- Views to town centre and lake beyond
- Close proximity to Turner Creek Trail and the original Old Enderby Road

House:

- Orientation and siting of house to maximize views
- Cross gabled roof
- Signature Craftsman frontal gable
- Signature British Colonial Raj verandah, deep and continuous with its own roof on north and west facades of house
- Original sloped verandah floor
- Three cross paned diamond shaped windows
- Original \pm 6 inch bevel cladding on the south wall in proximity to cross paned windows
- Cove and channel cladding, applied in subsequent additions and renovations
- Original windows in the original living room
- Refashioned bay window and window seat



Image courtesy Dean Biggs. Dilkusha circa 1977



Image courtesy Denis Marshall Collection, Salmon Arm Museum at R.J. Haney Heritage Village, circa 1928-1934

Sources:

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<http://www.etymonline.com/index.php?search=bungalow&searchmode=none>
- ***Wikipedia***, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bungalow#Canada>
- ***Fleeting Images*** by Denis Marshall – page 62
- ***Vancouver Heritage Foundation:***
<https://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/house-styles/craftsman-bungalow/>
- ***Scott property Report*** submitted by the Salmon Arm Museum
- **Personal Reflections on Historic Architectural Styles** by J Cuyler Page, Esq.