

Report to Council



Date: June 15, 2020
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2020 Heritage Award – Central Okanagan Heritage Society
Department: Real Estate

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information, the report from Real Estate department dated June 15, 2020, with respect to recognition of the Surtees Heritage Site by the Central Okanagan Heritage Society at the 2020 Heritage Awards.

Purpose:

To inform Council that the Surtees Heritage Site, located at 4629 Lakeshore Road was the recipient of the 2020 Central Okanagan Heritage Society Heritage Award in the category of “conservation project on a heritage building currently in non-residential use”. This award is provided to non-residential buildings that have recently undergone an exterior restoration and / or rehabilitation to which high standards, innovation and commitment to heritage conservation are recognized.

Background:

The Central Okanagan Heritage Society (“COHS”) recently recognized the City of Kelowna and Worman Commercial for the work completed in the revitalization and preservation of the Surtees Heritage site. The project was awarded with a 2020 Heritage Award (the “Award”) for showcasing effective and innovative initiatives and solutions that contribute to the preservation and revitalization of local heritage sites.

The award was presented to Shane Worman of Worman Commercial and Benjamin Walker of the City of Kelowna at the COHS Heritage Awards Luncheon in Spring of this year.

The following key considerations impacted the success of the project:

- The property was redeveloped under the principle of adaptive re-use – the repurposing of old buildings that have outlived their original purposes for different uses or functions while retaining their historic features. The commercial post-adaptive re-use viability of the buildings generated the financial resources necessary for their preservation. This allowed the project work to be funded with no impact on taxation.

- A focus on rehabilitating the existing buildings and protecting the character of the site in a fashion that showcased and celebrated its heritage and park value.
- Integration into the park setting and leveraging the existing trail connection along Bellevue Creek.
- Minimizing annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the heritage buildings and associated public areas.
- Strengthening the economic/commercial viability of the existing commercial node at the Collett/Lakeshore Road intersection.
- Development of a trailhead for Bellevue Creek with an appropriately integrated commercial amenity for park users.
- Installation of a roundabout to alleviate local resident safety concerns with respect to the Collett/Lakeshore Road intersection.

The City of Kelowna recognizes Worman Commercial for their contribution to this project. The City and Worman Commercial would like to thank Wayne Wilson for his efforts in putting forward the submission to the COHS.

This Heritage Award will be displayed in the Office of the Mayor for a period of one year. This award will be communicated to the public through Council Highlights, digital medial channels, and the 2020 Annual Report.

For details on all the award winners, please see the attached [COHS 2020 Heritage Award Recipients list](#).

Existing Policy

The partnership between Worman and the City was founded upon a number of key municipal objectives (as supported by Council in the City's Official Community Plan), including developing park partnerships and conserving heritage resources in a fiscally responsible manner.

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Attachments: 1. Schedule A – 2020 Heritage Award Recipients
2. Schedule B – Letter of Recognition to Award Agency
3. Schedule C – Site Photos