

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1975

Place: The Princess Louise Room, Empress Hotel

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 1975.

Time: 8:00 pm SHARP

Agenda: Election of officers for 1975-76 executive Guest Speaker Mr. James Nesbitt

(We asked Mr. Nesbitt if he would address US on the very worthy work being done on Craigdarroch Castle. He kindly agreed to speak to us but expressed a preference to discuss his views on heritage preservation. Considering that in the past Mr. Nesbitt has expressed keen admiration for the apartment development in the West End of Vancouver, the meeting should certainly prove a lively one.

NOMINATIONS are still needed for positions on the Executive. If you have any suggestions - for one position or for more than one please give Mrs. Smyly a call at 479-3282 anytime.

BUS TOUR - There are still seats available for the Bus Tour to Burnaby Heritage Village on Sunday, September 7th. The cost of \$10.00 includes bus, ferry and museum entrance fees and is a real bargain for a day's outing. There has been so much talk (and no action) locally about creating a heritage park for our so-called obsolete buildings. It should be very interesting to see how successful the Burnaby experiment is proving.

PLEASE book your ticket before Sunday, September 1st, so that arrangements can be finalized. Receipts are on the way out to those who have paid their money. Due to an error in the last newsletter that SHOULD have said that tickets were available from Mrs. Graham as usual, John Warren has been coping with calls as best he could when he is not often home.

BUS TOUR TICKETS are available from Mrs. Mary Graham, 652-1926 or 652-2828 or from John Warren 382-3283.

IN THE NEWS

The Saanich Heritage Advisory Committee has still not been called together and no one knows if there are official appointments to it or whether it has a chairman. A call to Acting Municipal Planner Gil Laursen, elicited the information that the Saanich Council apparently intend to call the Committee together only when there is "something to discuss". Presumably that "something" will be a pending disaster, by which time a building demolition permit will already have been applied for and it will be too late, again, to do anything but weep over another loss of heritage. SAANICH already has the biggest individual black mark of all in allowing the destruction of the H.B.Co. log and stone residence of William Fraser Tolmie in the 1960s. Its record is not improving. But what about Oak Bay for that matter, with only one designation (that of the much-publicized Tod House on Heron Street) in the entire municipality as the result of the efforts of a Committee that has been meeting for almost two full years. No one can accuse them of undue haste, that's for certain. What about it Doug McClelland?

HALLMARK AWARDS PROGRAM – 1975

Last year the Hallmark Society awarded recognition in the form of a framed certificate to four restoration projects - On-Going Residential (Gil and Marguerite Laursen for their Head St. house), On-Going Commercial (Sam Bawlf for his Counting House, Belmont Building and Law Chambers), Current Residential (Richard Whittaker and John Keay for their restoration of 810 Huntingdon Place) and Current Commercial (Old Country Floor Coverings for their restoration of the building at 2926 Government St.) This year, the Executive should like to get an early start on suggestions for this year's awards, to be presented at the Christmas Party. There is no necessity for the previous category

descriptions to be continued. Anyone who knows of a building of any description which is deserving of recognition for the effort and expense put into its restoration is asked to telephone Mrs. Terry Reksten (592- 3512) with their suggestions. What about recognition of municipal and provincial government contributions in the Capital Region? What about a communications award to media members who have researched the heritage scene and kept it before public view?

IDEAS?