

# REPORT TO COUNCIL



**Date:** October 12, 2011  
**File:** 0115-10  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Director, Infrastructure Planning  
**Subject:** Heritage BC Award - Rehabilitation of the Laurel Packing House

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Director, Infrastructure Planning dated October 12, 2011 regarding the Heritage BC Award- Laurel Packing House Restoration for the City of Kelowna's Rehabilitation of the Laurel Packing House.

## **Purpose:**

To present an award recognizing the City of Kelowna to Mayor and Council.

## **Background:**

On September 30, 2011, the BC Heritage Society presented an *Award of Honour* for the Rehabilitation of the Laurel Packing House (attached). The recipients included Jim Meiklejohn, (Architect), Sawchuk Developments Ltd (construction manager), the Kelowna Museums Society (nominator and tenant), and the City of Kelowna (owner). The City commissioned SS+A to provide cost control. The project was among 12 award recipients (attached), but among the largest projects recognized. The \$2.6M project was supported through a \$1.1M grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage. The remainder was funded by the City's taxpayers.

The Laurel Packinghouse, built in 1917, is the largest and oldest existing packinghouse in BC. It is protected by the first heritage designation bylaw ever passed in the City of Kelowna. It appears on the City's heritage registry as well as the National Registry of heritage buildings. The project improved the heritage character of the building and increased its functionality for the Wine Museum, the Orchard Museum, the public rental spaces, museum administration, and museum collections archives. The structural integrity of the facility now meets contemporary standards of durability.

A press release was issued on October 11, 2011 (attached).

## **Existing Policy:**

The Multiple Bottom Line Framework (MBL) of the Sustainable Infrastructure Policy #352 acknowledges that communities that remain resilient in managing and adapting to modern challenges have well-developed creative capacities. One measure of creativity is peer recognition for innovation and excellence. The MBL for sustainable infrastructure targets two (2) peer awards annually. This PIBC award is one of three awarded to the City in 2011, which also includes:

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1. 2011 Planning Institute of British Columbia Awards of Excellence for the City of Kelowna's "Parkland Acquisition Guidelines", and the
2. 2011 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects National Awards, Regional Honour for the City of Kelowna's Stuart Park, Phase 1

The target for design awards in 2011 has been exceeded.

**Personnel Implications:**

Key personnel involved in the project included Martin Johansen (Manager, Building Services), Joel Shaw (former Manager Utilities and Building Projects), and Lorna Gunn (Grants Manager)

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Internal Circulation:

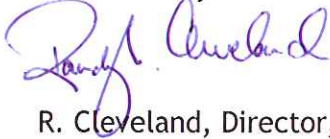
Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Financial/ Budgetary Considerations:

Community & Media Relations Comments:

Submitted by:



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Approved for inclusion:



J. Paterson, General Manager, Community Sustainability

**Attachments**

Heritage BC Award of Honour  
2011 Annual Awards recipients  
Press Release  
Power Point Presentation

cc: B. Berry, Director, Design and Construction  
D. Graham, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
J. Gabriel, Director, Recreation & Cultural Services  
C. Stephens, Director, Corporate & Community Relations  
W. Wilson, Executive Director, Kelowna Museums Society



# Heritage BC award

The Board of Directors of Heritage BC  
wishes to recognize and honour  
special projects and accomplishments in the field of  
Heritage Conservation.



An

Award of Honour

has been conferred on

Kelowna Museums Society, City of Kelowna,  
Jim Meiklejohn, Architect, and Sawchuk  
Developments Ltd.

in recognition of

Rehabilitation of the Laurel Pakinghouse

23 SEPTEMBER, 2011

  
Larry Foster  
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Leslie Gilbert  
AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR

# Heritage BC



**2011 Annual Awards**  
*September 30, Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Burnaby, BC*

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***Ruby Nobbs Award***

Mary Anne Cooper, Port Moody

***Advocacy, Awareness & Planning:  
Recognition***

Courtenay and District Museum and Paleontology Centre, and Courtenay and District Historical Society, for "80 Million Years"

***Advocacy, Awareness & Planning:  
Award of Honour***

Delta Heritage Advisory Commission for "Westham 100"

***Heritage Conservation: Recognition***

Hobo Holdings for the rehabilitation of 1005 Broughton – 530 Langley, Victoria

Omicron Canada Inc. and Bentall Kennedy Canada LP for the rehabilitation of the Evergreen Building, Vancouver

The City of Courtenay, Muchalat Construction, Dishlevoy Hagarty Architects and Macdonald & Lawrence Timber Framing Ltd for the restoration of the Native Sons Hall, Courtenay

***Heritage Conservation:  
Award of Honour***

Kelowna Museums Society, City of Kelowna, Jim Meiklejohn Architect, and Sawchuk Developments Ltd. for the rehabilitation of the Laurel Packinghouse

The Museum of Anthropology, Macdonald & Lawrence Timber Framing Ltd, Ian Ronalds Architect and JM Engineering for conservation of the Haida House at the Museum of Anthropology, UBC

Gair Williamson Architects and Donald Luxton and Associates Inc. for rehabilitation of the Cordova Street Stables, Vancouver

***Heritage Conservation:  
Outstanding Achievement Award***

The City of Victoria for the restoration of the Beacon Hill Park Bandstand

The City of Nanaimo, Macdonald and Lawrence Timber Framing Ltd., Read Jones Christoffersen Consulting Engineers, Mr. Sidney Sharman Hudson's Bay Company and Knappett Projects Inc. for the Restoration of the Bastion, Nanaimo

The Salient Group, Acton Ostry Architects Inc. and Donald Luxton and Associates inc. for Gastown Rehabilitation



### Heritage BC furours Laurel Packinghouse project

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Oct. 11, 2011

Heritage Conservation Award of Honour presented

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The Laurel Packinghouse rehabilitation project has been recognized with an Award of Honour from Heritage BC.

The Heritage Conservation Award of Honour was presented to the City of Kelowna, Kelowna Museums Society architect Jim Moir, John and Dawn Chuck Developments at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby, Sept. 30.

"It was very gratifying to be recognized for this complex project," said Randy Cleveland, Director of Infrastructure Planning for the City of Kelowna. "Heritage BC recognized how challenging it was to complete the necessary structural upgrades while maintaining - and in many cases improving - the heritage components of the Laurel Packinghouse."

The \$2.5-million renovation and transformation of the historic building located in the heart of the Cultural District re-opened to the public in November 2010 after a year of renovation work.

A structural review in 2000 determined that the building was not structurally sound. The work included strengthening the overall structure while creating more public space and improved conditions for the museum exhibitions.

"The rehabilitation really managed to balance the old with the new," says Mayor Sharon Shepherd. "This is Kelowna's original heritage property and it was extremely important to make sure it was preserved for future generations, while continuing to be a comfortable gathering place in our Cultural District."

Built in 1917, The Laurel Packinghouse is one of the oldest packing houses in Western Canada. It was originally constructed from bricks made of clay from Knox Mountain and operated as a fruit packinghouse into the 1970s. It is a nationally designated heritage landmark that now offers meeting spaces and is home to the BC Orchard Industry and BC Wine Museums and VQA Wine Shop.

For more information about Laurel Packinghouse history and events, visit [laurelpackinghouse.ca](http://laurelpackinghouse.ca).

**HERITAGE BC**  
**2011 AWARD OF HONOUR**  
Rehabilitation of the Laurel Packing House

