

May 1, 2025

Regular City Council Meeting

**TO:** Councilmembers

**FROM:** Mayor Sivertsen

**SUBJECT:** Ketchikan Historic Commission

To the City Council,

Attached are the minutes from the Ketchikan Historic Commission that met on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Bob Sivertsen

Ketchikan Historic Commission

**"DRAFT"** Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 2pm  
City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to order at 2:05pm.

2. Roll call:

Deborah Hayden, acting chair - present	Samantha Forsko – virtually present
Irene Dundas - present	City.Council.rep
Diane Gubatayao	Pat Tully, acting secretary - present
Stephen Reeve	Amanda Welsh - present
Hayley Chambers - present	Archaeologist.
Talya Stek, Borough Planning Dept.	Tomi Marsh, E.C. Phillips – virtually present
Josh Neill, E.C. Phillips - present	

3. Communications: none.

4. Persons to be heard: Tomi Marsh is available to answer questions; Josh Neill as well.

5. Changes to the agenda: none. Irene Dundas moved to accept the agenda; Amanda Welsh seconded. Passed by acclamation.

6. Consent agenda

- Approve March 26, 2025 minutes – Amanda Welsh moved to approve; Irene Dundas seconded. Passed by acclamation.

7. New business

- DOT; other notices: none.

8. Unfinished business

- From the January 22, 2025 HC meeting notes: POA-2023-00490\_20 241001\_MOA DRAFT – EC Phillips – Josh Neill outlined plans to demolish the Silver Lining processing plant, which is in a dilapidated condition, and build a new seafood processing plant with an associated tourist experience explaining the history of salmon processing in Ketchikan. Hayley Chambers requested a copy of the Stephens-Peters report; Erika Jayne Christian did a lot of research for the report. Neill will send the report to the Museum. If the Ray Troll mural is attached to a building to be town down, the project could include removing the mural from the wall and preserving it until it can be restored and remounted. Josh Neill will contact the KIC and the Organized Village of Saxman for their comments on the project.

[After the meeting? Josh Neill sent a followup report? 7—Architectural history survey attached to be archived at KTN museum. 8—Confirmed that the exhibition did indeed go to KIC.™ Organized Village of Saxman. 9—Acknowledge that outside of the scope of the formal Memorandum of Agreement concerning the permits to proceed with the initial demolition phase? we do intend for the future building plans to incorporate the story of the Silver Lining Seafoods plant operation. —building history in the exhibition? and we will remove. —retain the Ray Troll mural to be incorporated as well? We will also see if we can track him down to explore further options for what we can do with the mural. 10—As we've now checked off all the conditions precedent for the commission to issue their approval of the project per today's approved motion? I've included Amy Hellmich here as well from SHPO.]

- Commissioners' expired terms: Diane Gubatayao, Amanda Welsh, Pat Tully and Deborah Hayden's appointments were all approved by the City Council. Irene Dundas has reapplied and her application will be voted on by the Council at their May 1 meeting.

- City Council representative – vacant – Mayor Sivertsen will attend or reappoint.
- Museum Director / Secretary – Samantha Forsko
- Borough Planning Commission – Diane Gubatayao
- Tongass Historical Society / Architect – Amanda Welsh
- Historian – Stephen Reeve
- Archaeologist – Commission Chair - vacant
- Local Tribal representative – Irene Dundas
- Community representatives –
  - Deborah Hayden, acting chair
  - Pat Tully, acting secretary

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basis for their decision-making is the best way to proceed. Judith has not yet responded with the results of her contact with the Burke Museum.

Deborah Hayden distributed copies of an April 19 KDN article by Dave Kiffer, 'Aleuts Left Ketchikan For Home 80 Years Ago.'

Hayley Chambers suggested contacting the Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak as well, and Amanda Welsh suggested reviewing memorials at similar sites. Deborah Hayden suggested that if it is possible perhaps a scholarship might be established for descendants of those who were relocated to the Ward Lake camp during WWII.

- Re-submission of CLG Grant application for Phase 2 of Ketchikan Historic Preservation Planning. Application submitted February 7. Borough Planning Director Frank Maloney provided a letter of support and Pat forwarded this letter to SHPO.

9. Commissioner comments:

- Amanda Welsh: Irene Dundas, Stephen Reeve and Deborah Hayden joined her to speak to the person coordinating the development of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.
- Deborah Hayden: The folks developing the plan are doing a thorough job of listening to stakeholders.
- Samantha Forsko; Hayley Chambers: They are part of the committee planning the City's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next year. The first public listening session will be on May 12.

10. Adjourn Irene Dundas moved; Pat Tully seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 2pm. Tongass Historical Museum.