

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010, AT 5:20 P.M.
IN THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

PRESENT: Malcolm Sissons, Chair
George Webb, Vice-Chair
Dennis Baresco
Mark Dumanowski
Earl Morris
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Finkelman, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Chair
Philip Pype, Archivist
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services

NOT PRESENT:
Alderman Ty Schneider, Aldermanic Representative
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development

1. **Amendment to the Minutes of July 6, 2010**

The Minutes received and approved by City Council on July 12, 2010 were amended.

Item #3 Draft Municipal Designation Bylaw and Agreement Update revised for clarity as follows: *Ms. Gartly reported that the timelines discussed in the June 1, 2010 meeting were not achieved as the landowner required more time to review the final Bylaw and Agreement. They did not indicate any significant changes would be required. The landowners have agreed to the changes regarding adding the south and west building-facades as non-regulated portions that were discussed at the June 1 meeting. They are aware that the September 1st timeline for grant application will be missed and will consider a grant application in February.*

Item #6 Municipal Heritage Survey revised to read: *Guest Speaker Hilary Tarant was introduced, and it was noted that she has been working diligently on the Municipal Heritage Survey since 1996 on behalf of the Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District (Historical Society). Mr. Sissons requested information related to the North Flats, South Flats and the Industrial Area. Ms. Tarant noted that all have been completed and will be forwarded to the Archives. It is available on-line. Once the survey list has been completed, the next step towards designation of properties will be the inventory stage. Any ownership information required can be accessed through the Esplanade Archives for those buildings listed on the inventory. There was also discussion on the Places of Interest List, which covers years prior to 1969 and the steps for adding to the list. Ms. Tarant provided members of the Committee with information relating to the Places of Interest List.*

She noted that the Places of Interest List should be researched completely and a Statement of Significance developed from that, and then a Heritage Management Plan could be developed. Further discussion took place on other areas and items that could be included in the Municipal Heritage Survey. Mr. Sissons expressed appreciation to Ms. Tarant for her important and valuable work.

It was also agreed to clarify the sequence of events for the Heritage Conservation Steps as follows:

- a) *Survey Phase – this is largely completed except for one or two small areas*
- b) *Places of Interest Phase – some have been identified, and Ms. Tarant will provide a proposal to do a Places of Interest List for any neighbourhoods that do not have one*
- c) *Inventory – this is the evaluation / Statement of Significance phase*
- d) *Designation Phase.*

There was also an addition to the Minutes that had included the formation of a Viewscape Sub-committee which will include members Earl Morris, George Webb, and Dennis Baresco. This sub-committee will focus on developing a list of heritage resources other than buildings, for example bridges, natural areas, artefacts, etc.

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2. Spur Line Clarification Discussion and Update

Committee members discussed this at length as some clarification was required by City Council. The intent of the motion that was originally sent to City Council was to draw Council's attention to the recent flood that has compromised heritage resources (including the spur line bridge between Medalta and I-XL across the Seven Persons Creek). The Heritage Resources Committee did not have access to any cost estimates. The motion was not referencing the Porcelain Avenue road bridge to I-XL industries from Industrial Avenue. It is recommended that City Council consider this in the context of the Flood Restoration Submission to the Province. Furthermore, it should be noted that Hilary Tarant has completed a photo documentation of the residences on Iron Avenue S.E. in the Pural Subdivision.

The Heritage Resources Committee recommends to City Council **that the recommendation from the July 6, 2010 minutes stands: *that in context of the recent flooding, historical resources should be preserved which may have been damaged by the flood (i.e., the Spur Line Bridge over Seven Persons Creek, and documentation of the Iron Avenue residences) in their flood restoration submission to the Province.***

ADOPTION

3. Municipal Designation Agreement and Bylaw Update

Ms. Gartly has recently met with the landowners, who are working on the building. They are in the process of reviewing the Agreement and will be requesting a meeting with the City Solicitor to complete the Bylaw and Agreement details in the near future.

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4. Heritage Garden Sub-Committee Update

Ms. Gartly reported that the Heritage Garden Sub-Committee has been meeting regularly and a draft landscape plan is being reviewed. The plan is to bring this forward to the September meeting. There was a question relating to the budget requirement and costing for the project. It was agreed that approximate costs should be brought forward in conjunction with the Heritage Garden Plan.

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5. Member Absentee Concern

Chair Malcolm Sissons noted that with respect to a concern expressed by a member of City Council regarding member absenteeism from the Heritage Resources Committee, no member has missed three consecutive meetings with no valid reason. All members agreed that every effort is made to attend all meetings, and in all volunteer efforts, situations arise where members may be unable to attend.

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6. Heritage Website

Ms. Gartly has followed up with the City's Information and Computer Services Department and will work with that department and Corporate Communications to develop the Heritage Website as part of the Planning, Building & Development Department's website. Discussion occurred on items of interest in the community that should be considered for inclusion.

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7. Heritage Events in the Community

Committee members discussed recent heritage events in the community such as the 100th Anniversary of Riverside Park and the Steam Train, and the need for representation by a Committee member(s). There was also discussion on the upcoming Heritage Days and the Provincial Heritage Forum. Earl Morris is working on an on-line book on heritage street names in the City and he will share that link with the Committee. Information on upcoming events will be included under Items for Information for upcoming meetings and on the future website.

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8. Next Meeting

Committee members noted that Mr. Fraser Shaw, Heritage Conservation Adviser with Historic Resources Management Branch, has been invited to attend the September 7, 2010 meeting.

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9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Other agenda items dealt with were Administrative matters.

Adopted by City Council on _____.

DAVID LEFLAR, CITY CLERK