

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010, AT 5:06 P.M.
IN THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

PRESENT: Malcolm Sissons, Chair
George Webb, Vice-Chair
Dennis Baresco
Earl Morris
Alderman Ty Schneider, Aldermanic Representative *[until 6:00 p.m.]*
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative

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

NOT PRESENT: Mark Dumanowski

SPECIAL GUEST: Hilary Tarant

1. **Amendment to the Minutes of June 1, 2010**
The Minutes received and approved by City Council on June 7, 2010 were amended. With respect to the item **Municipal Designation Bylaw and Agreement** where it was noted that: *Mr. Francis stated that most Municipalities appoint a Council representative to act on their behalf*, should read: **Mr. Francis stated that most Municipalities are specific as to who the appointee is when taking forward the Bylaw. Staff would review considerations for an appropriate department / individual and make a recommendation to City Council to appoint that department / individual as the development authority for the review of development applications.**

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2. **Spur Line**
Committee discussed the need to support the restoration of the bridge to I-XL Industries Plant as part of flood restoration project replacement utilizing as much of the bridge as can be located downstream as possible.

The Heritage Resources Committee recommends to City Council 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, the Bridge over Seven Persons Creek, and documentation of the Iron Ave. residences).

ADOPTION

3. **Draft Municipal Designation Bylaw and Agreement Update**

Ms. Garty reported that the timelines discussed in the June 1, 2010 were acceptable to both the Landowners and the City, and that no significant changes were required. The landowners have agreed to the changes noted and are aware that the September 1st timeline for grant application will be missed. They will consider an application in February.

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4. **Heritage Garden**

Committee has met, discussed timelines for completion and begun the research. The desire is for the plan to be presented to City Council in September.

5. **Incentive Plan for Downtown Preservation**

Chair Malcolm Sissons noted that the Urban Development Institute (UDI) has sent a letter to the City recommending a tax 'holiday' (relief) for downtown re-development. This is a positive note for downtown historical properties.

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6. **Municipal Heritage Survey**

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 relating 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 inventory list has been completed, the project for designation of properties will move to the next stage (survey 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 1930 - 69 and the steps for adding to the list. Ms. Tenant provided members of the Committee with information relating to the Places of Interest List. She noted that the Places of Information List should be researched completely, and a Statement of Significance developed from that (Inventory), 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. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Sissons expressed appreciation to Ms. Tarant for her important and valuable work.

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7. **Agenda Distribution**

Committee members agreed that if agenda packages were not too large or required colour, they would be sent via e-mail rather than hard copy. Hard copies of attachments will be provided as required at the meetings.

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8. **Publicity / Educational Opportunities**

Committee members noted that media coverage for items such as the Heritage Awards, the Heritage Garden and the first Municipal Designation is important. Chair Malcolm Sissons will also send a letter to the Historical Society to recognize them for their work and the valuable speakers they have made available on heritage issues in the community.

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9. **Priority List**

Committee members agreed that the following list will be considered in priority:

- a. Designation Bylaw
- b. Heritage Garden completion
- c. Places of Interest List completion
- d. Website up and running

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10. **Budget**

Earl Morris will develop a budget for presentation at all meetings, with information provided by the Cultural Development Department.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Other agenda items were dealt with were Administrative matters.

Adopted by City Council on _____.

DAVID S. LEFLAR, CITY CLERK