

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010, AT 5:15 P.M.  
IN THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

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**PRESENT:** Malcolm Sissons, Chair  
George Webb, Vice-Chair *[until 5:55 p.m.]*  
Dennis Baresco  
Earl Morris  
Mark Dumanowski  
Alderman Ty Schneider, Aldermanic Representative  
Barry Finkelman, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Chair *[until 7:00 p.m.]*  
Philip Pype, Archivist  
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development  
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services  
Jessica Bester, Planning Officer (Recording Secretary)  
Debbie Goehring, Administrative Services Supervisor, Cultural Development (Recording Secretary)

**NOT PRESENT:** Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** John Hughes, City Solicitor *[until 6:45 p.m.]*  
Jim Marshall  
Mathew Francis, Municipal Heritage Partnership Program  
Brenda Manweiler, Municipal Heritage Partnership Program

1. **ANNUAL HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE BUDGET**

***Appendix A***

The Heritage Resources Committee reviewed the attached Decision Item prepared by Alderman Ty Schneider. The Committee requires a budget in order to effectively perform its duties related to heritage issues in the community. The budget will be utilized for meeting expenses, conferences and education costs, memberships, subscription fees, advertising and other miscellaneous expenses required to bring awareness of the Committee's work to the community.

The Heritage Resources Committee recommends **THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN ALLOCATION OF \$7,500 (SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS) FROM COUNCIL'S CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR EXPENDITURES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND ACCORDING TO CITY FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2010 AND ONWARD.**

**ADOPTION**

2. **Ewart Duggan House Landscaping**

**Appendix B**

Chair Malcolm Sissons noted the attached letter and advised Committee members that the Ewart Duggan House is a provincially designated Historic Site. He noted that there may be considerations related to the conservation, maintenance, or restoration of the site due to this designation. The *Historical Resources Act* may contain a requirement for Ministerial approval prior to any placement of objects, or restoration of the Ewart Duggan House site in any way. There was discussion on the sightlines related to both the Ewart Duggan House and the Buffalo Rubbing Stone if anything such as a permanent art work was placed on the property in that vicinity. There was also discussion on the impact on the historic resources of the property, and the guidelines that may be required as part of the *Historical Resources Act* and the provincial designation. There is a need to clarify whether the land the Ewart Duggan House is placed on falls within the Ministerial Order relating to provincially designated historic sites.

Chair Malcom Sissons also advised Committee members that the Germans from Russia Society have proposed to donate and place a piece of sculpture on the property between the Esplanade and the Ewart Duggan House. Committee members were of the opinion that the sightlines and views of both the Ewart Duggan House and the Buffalo Rubbing Stone would be impacted. There was discussion about the proposed placement of the piece on an alternative area of the Esplanade lawn. Carol Beatty noted that the lawn is used as programmable space for community cultural programs such as the Heritage Festival, AB Arts Days, Artisan Fair, etc. City Council recently approved the placement of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts commissioned sculpture on the west side of the Esplanade property.

The Heritage Resources Committee recommends **TO CITY COUNCIL THAT IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVINCIAL HISTORIC SITE, THE GERMANS FROM RUSSIA SOCIETY PROPOSAL SCULPTURE PIECE BE LOCATED ON A SITE OTHER THAN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE EWART DUGGAN HOUSE OR BUFFALO RUBBING STONE AREAS.**

**ADOPTION**

***Alderman Ty Schneider was opposed.***

Further discussion occurred on the consideration for a sub-committee to explore an historically appropriate garden for the Ewart Duggan House property. Committee members agreed that there may be an opportunity to enhance the historic value and interpretation of the Ewart Duggan House by recreating turn of the century (c. 1900) landscaping around the house. Reverting to a heritage garden with minimal watering may also help to protect the House and potentially serve as a good example of xeriscaping and the use of native plant species. Committee members noted that any development of the landscaping of the provincially designated site would also require Ministerial approval.

The Heritage Resources Committee recommends **TO CITY COUNCIL THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO RESEARCH AND PLAN AN HISTORICALLY APPROPRIATE GARDEN FOR THE EWART DUGGAN HOUSE PROPERTY, IN CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND THE CITY'S PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

ADOPTION

3. **Municipal Designation Bylaw Update**

City Solicitor John Hughes advised that the City Solicitor's Department is developing and negotiating a standard form of agreement for landowners. Due to the tight timelines involved, the Solicitor's Department is working on both the Agreement and the Bylaw simultaneously. The draft bylaw is nearing completion, and may be brought to the next meeting for review. He noted that the landowner will also review the draft bylaw in an effort to expedite the 60-day timeline for public review of the proposed bylaw. It is intended to have the bylaw ready for First Reading by City Council on June 7, 2010. It was noted that the City's Chief Administrative Officer will also review it to ensure all administrative input is included.

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4. **Municipal Heritage Partnership Program Presentation**

Chair Malcolm Sisson introduced and welcomed special guests Mathew Francis, Municipal Heritage Partnership Program (MHPP) Manager and Brenda Manweiler, MHPP Officer to the meeting. Mr. Francis and Ms. Manweiler provided Committee members with a binder of information outlining the identification, evaluation and management of Alberta's Historic Places. They also provided a presentation outlining the steps required to identify properties for Municipal Designation, the values that could be considered, and the requirements for development of the Statements of Significance. They noted that the MHPP office is always available to answer questions and may also be able to provide funding for some of the initiatives. Committee members expressed appreciation to Mr. Francis and Ms. Manweiler for the excellent presentation.

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5. **Heritage Records and Past Committee Experience**

Chair Malcolm Sissons noted that Mr. Jim Marshall was in attendance and noted that any issues to be addressed from the past heritage committee experience would be discussed at the next meeting. Committee members agreed that the experience from that committee would be most welcome, and invited Mr. Marshall to present at the next meeting.

Archivist Philip Pype advised that some records have been received from the City Clerk's Office, and a list of what sites were on record was shared. These were primarily buildings of importance. These notes will be forwarded to Committee members for the next meeting.

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6. **Future Agenda Items**

Chair Malcolm Sissons noted that the following items should be included on the next Agenda:

- a) Heritage Awards – these awards are presented to projects in Heritage Conservation and Awareness; to municipalities for Municipal Heritage Preservation; and to individuals for Outstanding Achievement. All members were asked to consider and bring ideas to the next meeting. The deadline for submitting nominations is June 1, 2010.
- b) Management Policy documentation – Barry Finkelman noted that he has located all documents relating to the Management Policy development and will be able to distribute and discuss at the next meeting.
- c) Goal-setting – all members were encouraged to utilize the information received and consider the presentation from the MHPP, to discuss and develop goals at the next meeting.
- d) Summer Schedule for meetings – members were asked to consider their summer plans in order to ensure there were quorums at all meetings. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adopted by City Council on \_\_\_\_\_.

LARRY P. GODIN, CITY CLERK