

**Heritage Resources Committee**  
**March 2, 2010**  
**5:10 pm**  
**Cutbanks Room, the Esplanade**

**PRESENT:**

Malcolm Sissons, Chair  
George Webb, Vice-Chair  
Dennis Baresco  
Mark Dumanowski  
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative  
Barry Finkelman, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Chair  
Alderman Ty Schneider, Aldermanic Representative  
Philip Pype, Archivist  
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development  
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services  
Debbie Goehring, Administrative Services Supervisor, Cultural Development (Recording Secretary)

**REGRETS:** Earl Morris

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Darren Folkersen, City Solicitor *[to 6:10 p.m.]*  
Dwight Brown, General Manager of Planning & Building Services *[to 6:10 p.m.]*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Chair Malcolm Sissons called the meeting to order and established that as only one member was absent, there was a quorum.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as provided and there were no additions noted.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS**

Carol Beatty introduced Andrea McIntosh, who will be representing the Arts & Heritage Advisory Board as a voting member. Malcolm Sissons introduced Mark Dumanowski, who was unable to attend the first meeting. Each of these members will serve a three-year term. Carol introduced the two guests to the meeting, Solicitor Darren Folkersen, and General Manager of Planning & Building Services, Dwight Brown.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

The Minutes from February 9, 2010 were reviewed and adopted as presented.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**5.1. Municipal Designation Bylaw**

Chair Malcolm Sissons recessed the Open meeting at 5:20 p.m. so that this item could be reviewed in a Closed Session, and reconvened the Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

**5.2. Heritage Resources Committee Request**

A request for Municipal Designation of the Hargrave Sissons Block / Grocery Warehouse / Merchants Bank of Canada was received by the Heritage Resources Committee. This request was received prior to the formation of the Heritage Resources Committee.

The Planning & Building Services Department reviewed the request and provided their recommendations. Because the Municipal Designation Bylaw has not yet been completed, it was agreed by the Heritage Resources Committee members to move this request forward while continuing development of the Bylaw.

City Solicitor Darren Folkersen noted that there is a 60-day notice period after the owners of the property are advised that City Council intends to consider designating the Property a municipal historic resource. During that 60 day period, development of the Bylaw would continue and a maintenance agreement outlining guidelines, etc. would be undertaken. There was considerable discussion about items for inclusion in the maintenance agreement. The Solicitor's Department will work with Planning & Building Services to develop an appropriate maintenance agreement for review and discussion by the Heritage Resources Committee.

After discussion, it was moved by Mark Dumanowski, seconded by Dennis Baresco **to support the application for Municipal Designation of the Hargrave Sissons Block / Grocery Warehouse / Merchants Bank of Canada; and request that City Council direct the City Clerk to serve the 60 day notice on the owners of the Property as required by Section 26 (2) of the *Historical Resources Act*, of Council's intention to consider designating the Property a municipal historic resource.** Carried

There was further discussion relating to the required Bylaw and maintenance agreement, and it was moved by George Webb, seconded by Andrea McIntosh **to request that City Council direct the City Solicitor and Planning & Building Services Departments to draft a bylaw and the associated agreement required to designate the Property a municipal historic resource for the consideration of the Heritage Resources Committee and City Council following the expiry of the 60 day notice period.** Carried

### **5.3. Heritage Resources Policy Development – Management Plan documentation**

Carol Beatty noted that while there was one larger document that outlined the Policy in greater detail, she was unable to provide that document. She discussed a one-page document that was provided for review and discussion. Barry Finkelman noted that he had the Policy documentation file in its entirety and would review the file and provide the latest document for background information of the committee. He will forward this to Carol for distribution to the committee.

### **5.4. Dates for Presentation by Mathew Frances, Head, Municipal Heritage Services, Municipal Heritage Partnership Program**

There was a brief discussion about the dates for this session and all agreed that this workshop would be scheduled for **April 13, 2010 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** if Mr. Frances is available. Jeanie Gartly will follow up with Mr. Frances to confirm his availability.

### **5.5. Annual Budget Status**

Alderman Schneider noted that in meeting with Commissioner Webb, there was discussion about whether expenditures for the committee were to be covered through Public or Corporate Services. In the meantime, and until a budget has been developed and approved, all expenses will be covered through Public Services.

The individual subscriptions to the Heritage Preservation Magazine, and the expenses for food and beverages, will be forwarded to Public Services for payment.

#### **5.6. Heritage Alliance – Archives records**

Philip Pype advised that he could find no reference to a committee called Heritage Alliance, but did find some history of an organization that was advocating for heritage resource preservation. Philip noted that history indicates that there have been concerns about heritage preservation since the 1950's when the original Medicine Hat hospital was demolished following the construction of the new hospital. The first organized efforts seem to have originated from the Medicine Hat & District Historical Society. In late 1981 the Historical Society setup a Preservation (and Research) Committee and a by-law for the establishment of a City of Medicine Hat Historic Review Committee was adopted by City Council March 5, 1984. Committee minutes are available through the City Clerk's Office and Philip Pype will work with the Clerk's Office to obtain copies. Philip will then extract the names of buildings from that information and bring it back to the next meeting. Andrea McIntosh volunteered to offer assistance on this project.

As Jim Marshall was a member of that Committee, Malcolm Sissons will follow up with Jim to see if he would be willing to attend a future meeting to provide further historical information.

#### **5.7. Goal Setting**

There was considerable discussion about the goals that could be achieved in 2010. After some brainstorming the following list was developed for consideration and review at the next or future meeting, and during the workshop with Mr. Frances.

- List of Provincially designated buildings that may be consolidated for Municipal Designation
- List of "at Risk" properties (priorities / protection)
- Streetscapes and other areas (park archways / cemeteries)
- Consideration of commemorative significance plaques for awareness (Saratoga Park)
- Educational program development
- Standardization of plaques, etc.
- Nomination System
- Additional speakers / workshops (i.e., Lorne Simpson, Merinda Conley – Main Street Program)
- Re-create facades from records for restoring existing buildings
- Mainstreet Program review
- Criteria development to classify buildings
- Develop database of sites of interest
  - Statements of Significance
  - Current List
  - Past list from Philip
  - Landscapes (i.e., Lussier Springs) Dennis Baresco to consider more for list
  - Views need to be considered for preservation as well

Jeanie Garty will review and prioritize this list for the committee's discussion with Mr. Frances and to update Parks & Recreation on the committee's formulation for future landscape and archeological considerations.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. Ewart Duggan House – Historical Garden

Malcolm Sissons noted that the Ewart Duggan House was designated as a Provincial Historic site. However some elements of the original landscaping have been lost in the placement next to the Esplanade, which is a more modern building. Committee members discussed a means to bring this item forward for consideration, noting that the landscape should likely reflect the period of the house more appropriately. Barry Finkelman noted that the property around the Ewart Duggan House would be considered public property, and the Public Art Committee would likely wish to be involved should any public art be placed on that property. There was discussion about potential community groups that may wish to partner to restore the property landscape to an historical nature. A sub-committee of the Heritage Resources Committee could be established to research and design an appropriate landscape, and discuss and coordinate any potential partnerships with community groups for installation.

After discussion it was agreed that Chair Malcolm Sissons would write a letter to the Cultural Manager to be taken through the appropriate administrative procedures to City Council advising them that the Ewart Duggan House is an historic site and any landscaping or public art that is placed on the property adjacent to the House should be reviewed and discussed by the Heritage Resources Committee. The letter will also express to Council the intent of the Heritage Resources Committee to begin discussions on design and development of an historical garden and to establish partnerships with community groups to attempt to restore the landscape to a more historical nature.

## 7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled to take place at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the Esplanade Cutbanks Room. ***Post meeting***, the next meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Esplanade Cutbanks Room.**

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.