

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011, AT 5:30 P.M.  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. MARK DUMANOWSKI**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Barry Finkelman, Chair, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board (*arrived 5:45 p.m.*)  
Philip Pype, Archivist  
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services  
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development  
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)  
Henry Epstein, Superintendent, Planning Services

**NOT PRESENT:**

Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative

1. **Call To Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order. Committee members and staff expressed their appreciation to Mark for hosting the meeting at his residence.

2. **Finlay Bridge Designation**

**(Appendix A)**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the by-law required to designate Finlay Bridge a Municipal Historic Resource. After discussion it was moved by Mark Dumanowski, seconded by Andrea McIntosh, that:

**THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER ADOPTION OF BYLAW #4069 TO DESIGNATE FINLAY BRIDGE A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE.**

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION**

### 3. Terms of Office

Committee members discussed the rotation and end of terms for the Heritage Resources Committee. The current terms in effect would leave four vacancies occurring at once out of the five members. Mark Dumanowski, Earl Morris and Malcolm Sissons expressed their preference for length of term until December 31, 2013, and Dennis Baresco until December 31, 2012. This will ensure both staggering and continuity of Committee members.

**THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER THE LENGTH OF TERMS FOR THREE OUT OF FIVE MEMBERS BE EXTENDED TO 2013 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY ON THIS NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEE.**

ADOPTION

The Chair declared the meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m. so that confidential matters could be reviewed *in camera*. The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

### 4. River Centre Dental application for development permit

Henry Epstein, Superintendent of Planning Implementation for the City, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Epstein gave a presentation regarding the River Centre Dental development application to create an additional parking lot west of their building on First Street, and brought the Committee up to date on the status.

Committee members raised a number of concerns:

- The current development proposal involves removal of trees, some of which have already been removed.
- A significant area appears already to have been developed for parking, and a residential dwelling has been demolished to that end, even though no development permit for parking use has been issued.
- The proposed future commercial development as depicted in the artist's rendering provided to Council may not be consistent with the historic streetscape of First Street, with respect to style of building and setback from the street.
- At the Council meeting on December 5, 2011 a representative of the developer had suggested the possibility of demolishing the Kerr-Wallace house, which is of great concern to the Committee. [The Chair advised that he had been told by the developers that they are not actively pursuing the demolition option at this time.]
- There is not at this time a Municipal Historic Resource designation for the Kerr-Wallace house, which would greatly assist in preserving it.

Committee members expressed the view that the Committee is not opposed to development or re-development on First Street but believe that it should proceed with due regard for the historic nature of the street, and taking into account the views of the neighbourhood.

An ad-hoc subcommittee was struck to prepare a Statement of Significance for the portion of First Street South from Fourth Avenue SE to just beyond Second Street SW. Terms of reference will include a review of the historic significance of not only the Kerr-Wallace house but also the Stanley Sadler/McGee house adjacent to it. A draft will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Committee members expressed their thanks to Mr. Epstein for the information he provided on the planning process related to this application and other future planning considerations related to historic resources.

INFORMATION

**5. Letter to School Division #76 – Renovations to Roof**

The letter of appreciation to the School District for its sensitivity to maintaining this building to its historical design was put on hold until further information could be obtained about the missing cupola. The Committee was advised that research has revealed that the cupola was removed in 1968. The Chair will send the letter of appreciation to the School District.

INFORMATION

**6. St. John's Presbyterian Church Plaque**

Committee members reviewed and approved the final proofs for the St. John's Presbyterian Church plaque. The plaque will be ordered immediately.

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**7. Ewart Duggan Heritage Garden Project Update**

A draft of the Alberta Historic Resources Grant Application was reviewed and discussed by the Committee. The Chair will request a quote from the contractor who is building the fence for inclusion in the application. An updated drawing of the proposed garden will also be included with the application. The next draft will be reviewed by the Committee in January. However, it was agreed that the Committee should take advantage of the qualified contractor who had volunteered his services to fabricate the fence this winter by supplying materials.

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**8. Applications for Board Vacancy**

The Committee was pleased to learn that the vacancy has been filled by James Marshall. His term of office will be until December 31, 2014. Jim will attend the January meeting.

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**9. Heritage Tree Brochure**

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft brochure. Feedback will be forwarded to the recording secretary. A revised draft will be reviewed at the next meeting in January.

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**10. Other Administrative Items**

The Committee discussed:

- Municipal Heritage Leadership Award
- Renewal/Replacement of Historical Markers – January Agenda Item.

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**11. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at the Esplanade Cutbanks Room.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

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DAVID LEFLAR, CITY CLERK