

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011, AT 6:12 P.M.  
AT THE INSPIRE CAFÉ AND GALLERY**

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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  
Philip Pype, Archivist  
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services  
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development  
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)  
Lorraine Dalla Longa, City Centre Development Agency (guest)

**NOT PRESENT:**

Alderman Graham Kelly

1. **St. John's Presbyterian Church Designation Update**

On September 19, 2011 Council supported the designation of St. John's Presbyterian Church as a municipal historic resource. Discussion occurred regarding the need for a plaque. Attached to these Minutes is a copy of a letter of congratulations to the Church, dated Sept, 23, 2011.

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2. **Heritage Resources Committee By-law**

The City Solicitor will forward a draft HRC bylaw for this Committee's discussion and review in January 2012.

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3. **Municipal Heritage Forum**

Following discussion it was agreed that two members will attend the Municipal Heritage Forum in Edmonton on October 27 and 28, 2011. The members will report on their experience at the December meeting.

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4. **First Street Heritage Streetscape/District & Land Use By-law**

Attached to these Minutes is a copy of a letter sent by the Chair to the City Planning Department on August 29, 2011. A response to the letter is anticipated in the near future.

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5. **Heritage Trees**

A heritage tree brochure is currently being prepared by Committee volunteers for future circulation. Members agreed that upon completion of the brochure, the Committee will approach the media to promote both the brochure, and the topic of the importance of heritage tree preservation.

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6. **Renewal & Replacement of Historical Markers**

Discussion occurred regarding the poor condition of numerous historical markers located throughout the city, and the value that well maintained markers add to the City's heritage by virtue of the important information they contain. Members agreed that Planning Services should be asked to work with Esplanade Archives to determine the origin of these markers, and that the matter should re-appear on this Committee's agenda when the origin is determined.

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7. **Implications of Mortgages on Historic Resources**

Members agreed that in order to have a better understanding of the issue of the rights of a mortgage holder on title vis-à-vis an historic resource designation on the same title, they will: (a) invite the City Solicitor to a discussion of the topic at the November meeting; and (b) research the experience of other communities that may have been confronted with the same challenge.

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8. **Advertising for Committee Vacancy**

The City's annual advertising for Committee vacancies will go out in the middle of October. Members will encourage others to apply.

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**9. RFP for Consultant Services – Compilation of SoS Inventory**

The Committee agreed to issue an RFP for consulting services to assist in compiling a comprehensive inventory of sites for which Statements of Significance (“SoS”) are recommended. An ad hoc working group of Committee members and staff was established to (a) prepare the RFP; (b) recommend selection of a consultant or consultants; and (c) apply for a provincial cost-sharing grant if City Council approves the budget requested by the Committee for this project.

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**10. Ewart Duggan Heritage Garden Update**

- The Committee was advised that after extensive research it was concluded that the spruce trees in the front yard are too large to relocate.
- The Garden Sub-Committee will prepare a Communications Plan and present it to the Committee for review and approval.
- The topic of fundraising efforts to date was discussed.
- The Garden Sub-Committee meets on October 5, 2011, and will provide a written report of their proceedings to the November Committee meeting.

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**11. Elm Street School**

It was brought to the Committee’s attention that in renovating the roof of Elm Street School, care has been taken to ensure that existing cedar shingles are replaced with new cedar shingles, which are a character-defining element of the historic nature of the school. The Chair undertook to send a letter of appreciation to the School District for its sensitivity to maintaining this building to its historical design.

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**12. Medalta Opening**

Mr. Finkelman advised that Medalta will be holding its grand opening on Saturday, November 5, 2011 commencing at 1:30 p.m. The kiln room and new reception gallery will be open. Exhibits will also be in place. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

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**13. Other Administrative Items**

The Committee discussed:

- Location for Christmas Meeting
- Variance Report
- Heritage possibility for an Austrian Pine Tree
- At risk Manyberries Railway Station

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**14. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at the Esplanade Cutbanks Room.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Received by City Council on \_\_\_\_\_.

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DAVID LEFLAR, CITY CLERK