

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011, AT 5:20 P.M.**  
**AT THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
Philip Pype, Archivist  
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services  
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development  
Helen Temoin, Hargrave/Sissons Building Owner *(until 6:05 p.m.)*  
Gary Temoin, Hargrave/Sissons Building Owner *(until 6:05 p.m.)*  
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**NOT PRESENT:**  
George Webb, Vice-Chair  
Earl Morris  
Barry Finkelman, Chair, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board  
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative

- Amendment to the Minutes of June 7, 2011**  
The Minutes received and approved by City Council on June 20, 2011 were amended.  
Item #1 Ewart Duggan House Heritage Garden was revised to read:  
The Committee will participate in the Heritage Festival tours on Saturday, August 6, 2011, at the Ewart Duggan House.

Item #11 Industrial Excavation was revised to correct the spelling of “shards”. The correct spelling for broken pieces of pottery is “sherds”.

INFORMATION

- Hargrave/Sissons Block / Merchants Bank of Canada**  
Chair, Malcolm Sissons welcomed Gary and Helen Temoin, owners of the Hargrave/Sissons building. Mr. Temoin provided an update of structural renovations completed to date. Discussion occurred regarding the implications for mortgages on designated property. Planning Services will review the current by-law with the City Solicitor to ensure future financing is not compromised. Further discussion occurred regarding the Provincial grant application process for matching funds.

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**3. Plaque Development Update**

Committee members reviewed and discussed proofs for the Hargrave Sissons Block and Merchants Bank of Canada plaques. Planning Services will determine whether “historic” or “heritage” is the correct term for the plaque. After discussion Committee members agreed templates of the actual size of plaques need to be photographed on the building. Photos will be brought to the next meeting. Gary and Helen Temoin approved of the design, material, content and style of the plaques.

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**4. Meet & Greet Fall Open House**

Committee members will be holding an open house to coincide with the Hargrave/Sissons and Merchants Bank plaque unveilings. This event is tentatively planned for October at Inspire Café. Gary and Helen Temoin supported this event. Literature and story boards will be featured outlining the accomplishments, policies and plans of the Heritage Resources Committee.

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**5. Ewart Duggan Heritage Garden Update**

Discussion occurred regarding the success of the “Spade in the Ground Event”. As a result of this event members of the community have come forward to offer monetary and volunteer support for this project. Committee members agreed a list of supporters for the Heritage Garden should be maintained throughout the project. Chair, Malcolm Sissons submitted an RFP to a landscape contractor and will follow up in this regard. Fundraising letters will be sent to the Horticultural Society, Historical Society, Kiwanis Club and other groups. Feedback has been supportive and positive regarding this concept. To maintain momentum of the Heritage Garden project, Committee members and story boards will be present during the Heritage Festival tours of the Ewart Duggan House on Saturday, August 6, 2011. The Ewart Duggan Garden sub-committee and Chair will arrange to meet prior to the next Heritage Resources Committee meeting.

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**6. Monarch Theatre Designation**

The City Centre Development Agency has advised they do not wish to pursue designation at this time. Discussion occurred regarding the Committee’s disappointment in this regard. Additional discussion occurred regarding the Committee’s hopes for future designation providing the Monarch Theatre’s character defining elements remain intact.

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7. **Finlay Bridge Designation**

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft Statement of Significance. Following discussion it was decided that the original colour and width of the bridge will be researched further. Esplanade Archives will investigate the colour and Planning Services will consult with Municipal Works to determine the exact width of the bridge. Further discussion occurred regarding the importance of signifying the Finlay Bridge as the only bridge between Bow Island and Saskatoon for a long time. A revised draft Statement of Significance will be provided at the next meeting.

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

Notice of Intent was forwarded to the owners on June 20, 2011. A by-law and maintenance agreement have been prepared and forwarded to the owners for review and signatures. Once the by-law has been signed a copy will be provided to Committee members for review and recommendation.

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9. **Heritage Resources Committee Budget**

Chair, Malcolm Sissons forwarded a letter to the City Clerk's office requesting an increase in budget to ensure the mandate of the committee is adhered to. A detailed outline of the Committee's budget requirements will be provided to the City Clerk office before the end of August for consideration for the 2012 – 2014 budget.

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10. **Medicine Hat School District #76 Archives Update**

Ten boxes have been forwarded to the Esplanade Archives from School District #76. These archives were compiled over a number of years by retired teachers in the hopes of preserving for future generations. Esplanade Archives is currently working to catalogue the information. Chair, Malcolm Sissons will draft a letter to School District #76 congratulating them for their contribution to the preservation of important archives dating back to 1890.

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**11. Resignation of George Webb, Vice Chair**

It is with regret that Vice-Chair, George Webb has tendered his resignation to the Heritage Resources Committee. The Committee will elect a Vice-Chair at the next meeting. A public notice will be advertised in the Medicine Hat News over two Saturdays in August. Chair, Malcolm Sissons will forward a letter to George Webb on behalf of the Committee.

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**12. Heritage Trees**

Discussion occurred regarding the importance of preserving heritage trees that are recognized as being important historical assets of our community. At this time no municipal criteria has been established for designation of trees. The Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada has designated seven trees in the City of Medicine Hat. Their designation program has no legal standing or jurisdiction but acts as a mechanism to bring awareness in the hopes of future preservation to historical trees. A list of these trees will be distributed to Committee members for their information. Planning Services will place these trees on their permit tracking system to ensure they are flagged for future preservation. Chair, Malcolm Sissons will draft a letter to all tree cutting organizations in the area to ensure they are also alerted to the importance of these trees. The Committee will undertake research on how other municipalities are preserving historical trees.

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**13. Discussion and Other Administrative Items**

The Committee discussed:

- Robertson Park

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**14. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 in the Esplanade Cutbanks room.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

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DAVID LEFLAR, CITY CLERK