

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011, AT 5:15 P.M.
IN THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

PRESENT: Malcolm Sissons, Chair
Dennis Baresco
Earl Morris
Mark Dumanowski

ALSO PRESENT:
Philip Pype, Archivist
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services *[until 7:30 p.m.]*
Barry Finkelman, Chair, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board
Pat McNally, Cambridge Developments *[until 6:20 p.m.]*
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)

NOT PRESENT:
George Webb, Vice-Chair
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative

1. Ewart Duggan House Heritage Garden

Committee members were provided with an update in regards to fundraising for the Ewart Duggan House Heritage Garden. Discussion occurred regarding the fundraising efforts to date and the outcomes. Some private money has been committed. George Webb met with the Kiwanis group. They expressed concern with the absence of volunteer presence combined with associated high costs. Committee members discussed at length the next steps to take in order to ensure the project does not stall due to the limited funds that are currently available. Committee members agreed that the project could be staged over the next three years. The Committee will undertake to find a volunteer for the role of Project Coordinator at no cost to the City. Esplanade staff will be consulted during each stage of this project to ensure that the project complies with their landscaping guidelines. **After discussion, THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT CITY COUNCIL:**

AUTHORIZE THE COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH THE EWART DUGGAN HOUSE HERITAGE GARDEN PROJECT OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD AT NO CAPITAL COST TO THE CITY; AND TO ENGAGE THE ASSISTANCE OF A VOLUNTEER PROJECT MANAGER.

ADOPTION

2. City Centre Development Agency

Chair, Malcolm Sissons welcomed Pat McNally of Cambridge Developments who also sits on the board of the City Centre Development Agency. Mr. Sissons provided a brief history of the Heritage Resources Committee. Mr. McNally provided background information on the history of their approach to heritage preservation and the processes they have undertaken during renovation projects. Discussion occurred regarding building codes and the misconception that they prevent renovation of old buildings. Committee members were pleased to hear that the building codes officials are supportive and realistic. Further discussion occurred regarding the need for community education to promote the economic benefits to renovating existing buildings. The Committee agreed that this approach would be useful and economic to building owners while adding value. This could also boost downtown re-development.

INFORMATION

3. Plaque Development Update

Wording for the Hargrave Sissons Block and Merchants Bank of Canada plaques has been drafted. The draft will be circulated to Committee members this week. Committee members can provide feedback on content and style and once finalized a tender will go out.

INFORMATION

4. Statements of Significance Letter/Packages to Landowners

The Committee is currently working with the Monarch Theatre and St. John's Presbyterian Church for municipal designation. Chair, Malcolm Sissons was contacted by Alain Dubreuil, the owner of the Beveridge Building requesting a meeting with Mr. Sissons. Mr. Dubreuil confirmed receipt of the Statement of Significance.

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5. Statements of Significance / Evaluations and Inventory

Committee members reviewed and discussed the Places of Interest List and target resources for further study. Following discussion committee members agreed on thirteen buildings of priority and one park that will be added to the Inventory List and subject to a Statement of Significance. The Heritage Resources Committee will put forward a proposal to the Province for cost sharing to complete these evaluations of buildings to create Statements of Significance. Phillip Pype will forward to Committee members a copy of the Statement of Significance he drafted for the Finlay Bridge for discussion at the next meeting.

INFORMATION

6. **St. John’s Presbyterian Church Request for Municipal Designation**

Council supported the adoption for the St. John’s Presbyterian Church request for municipal designation. The clarification of ownership has now been received by the Heritage Resources Committee. A meeting has been set for next week to draft the by-law and maintenance agreement.

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7. **Discussion and Other Administrative Items**

There was a brief discussion on the meeting location for August and on other matters including

- Heritage trees
- Website update

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8. **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the Cypress Club.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Adopted by City Council on _____.

DAVID LEFLAR, CITY CLERK