

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011, AT 5:35 P.M.
AT THE CYPRESS CLUB following tour of premises

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

ALSO PRESENT:
Philip Pype, Archivist *[until 8:05 p.m.]*
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services
Barry Finkelman, Chair, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)

NOT PRESENT:
Mark Dumanowski
George Webb, Vice-Chair
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative

1. Ewart Duggan House Heritage Garden

Discussion focused on fundraising efforts. Chair, Malcolm Sissons will draft a letter to the Historical Society and Horticultural Society for this purpose and subsequently contact will be made with service clubs. Planning Services will follow up with the Province for potential cost sharing. Both the Province Historic Resources Management and City Council have endorsed the plan. Further discussion occurred regarding a plan for the first stage of this project. Committee members agreed that the first stage would entail a symbolic planting in the Ewart Duggan Garden Monday, June 20, 2011 at 12:00 noon. The Mayor, members of Council, the media, Historical and Horticultural Societies and public will be invited. Materials for the symbolic planting will be donated by Committee members. Following discussion, Committee members determined there is a need to promote public interest in this project. The Committee will host an open house on Heritage Day, Sunday, August 7, 2011, featuring literature and story boards of the policies and plans of the Heritage Resources Committee. The open house will take place inside the Ewart Duggan House. Committee members will be available to provide information and answer questions.

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2. **Plaque Development Update**

Committee members reviewed design, material, content and style of the plaques for the Hargrave Sissons Block and Merchants Bank of Canada. Bronze was considered the most traditional and enduring material. The City's Coat of Arms will be featured on the plaques. The tender will be prepared for review.

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3. **Beveridge Building**

Chair, Malcolm Sissons met with Alain Dubreuil and Cindy Temoin, the owners of the Beveridge Building. The owners were grateful to receive the Statement of Significance on their property. They would like to redevelop the building into a suitable new use and are sensitive to the heritage value. A reception in the building is planned for during the Alberta French Film Festival at the Monarch.

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4. **St. John's Presbyterian Church Request for Municipal Designation**

Planning Services provided the Committee with an update regarding municipal designation for the St. John's Presbyterian Church. The Statement of Significance has been revised. The City Solicitor will prepare the by-law for review.

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5. **Finlay Bridge Municipal Designation**

Chair, Malcolm Sissons clarified that a discussion at a recent Council meeting might have left Council confused about the status of the bridge. He clarified that whereas there has been much recognition of the bridge's importance to the City, and extensive repairs made, it does not yet have a Municipal Heritage Resources designation that would ensure the preservation of Finlay Bridge's character defining elements. A draft Statement of Significance is being prepared and reviewed by the Committee with the intention to bring a recommendation forward at the next meeting.

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6. **Designation Implications for Mortgages**

A discussion took place on designation implications for mortgages. Extensive research was undertaken by the City Solicitor on this matter. It was deemed that a historic designation and the maintenance agreement do not constitute a financial charge against the designated property. The Heritage Resources Committee expressed their gratitude and appreciation for all of Darren Folkerson's assistance and expertise on heritage matters and wished him well on his future endeavours.

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7. **Inventory Budget**

Discussion turned to the current operating budget of the Heritage Resources Committee. Another series of Statements of Significance should be completed. This will ensure any buildings at risk are added to the Inventory. An increased budget will be required above normal operating costs. This is to cover approximately 10 Statements of Significance per year for properties identified on the Inventory. The projected cost for one Statement of Significance is approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000 each, which is a cost potentially eligible for cost sharing from the Province. The Committee Chair will contact the City Clerk regarding this request.

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8. **School District #76 Archives and Artefacts**

The Committee understands that discussions are under way between the Public School Board and the Esplanade Archives regarding documentation and preservation of school board records. The Committee considers these documents and artefacts to be "heritage resources". The question was raised concerning similar documents and artefacts that may be held by the Separate School Board. The Committee agreed to let the Esplanade Archives take the lead on this project.

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9. **Monarch Theatre Designation**

The Committee has observed changes to the Monarch Theatre signage and façade, items that were identified on its Statement of Significance as a character defining elements that could not be altered. Discussions occurred regarding the impact this may have on their request for Designation. These changes may also jeopardize any funding that is available from the Province. Chair, Malcolm Sissons will draft a letter to the City Centre Development Agency expressing a concern that character defining elements are not being protected and the impact this may have on future designation.

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10. **Heather Hargrave Tree**

The Committee would like to commend Planning Services and the new owners of the Riverside Presbyterian Church for their foresight in preserving this historic tree. Malcolm Sissons will draft a letter to the City Clerk's office outlining the importance of the Heather Hargrave Tree to the community.

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11. **Industrial Excavation**

Chair, Malcolm Sissons reported that due to new engineering requirements for the construction of a roadway, the present I-XL brick mural sign sculpted by Jim Marshall was moved to a new location on site. While doing so, a deposit of broken soft mud brick, dating back 120 years, was discovered. These bricks are of the same vintage as the Ewart Duggan House. This helps to locate the exact site at I-XL of its earliest brick yard, which dates back to 1886. Discussion occurred regarding the importance of heritage artefacts found during industrial excavation on or around heritage property. Recently, while Medalta Avenue was being excavated a massive mound of pottery shards was discovered. The material was moved to Medalta property and will be sorted. Discussion occurred regarding the importance of locating heritage material and that it may not always be immediately visible. The Committee agreed during industrial excavation around heritage sites, due diligence and caution need to be practiced by contractors.

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12. **Discussion and Other Administrative Items**

The Committee reviewed:

- Monthly Variance Report
- Downtown Redevelopment Incentives Letter from Abdul Khan
- Dates for fall Open House

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13. **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the Esplanade Cutbanks room. Gary and Helen Temoin have expressed interest in attending to update the committee on their heritage activities. Chair Malcolm Sissons will confirm their attendance.

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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DAVID LEFLAR, CITY CLERK