

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011, AT 5:15 P.M.**  
**IN THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

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**PRESENT:** Malcolm Sissons, Chair  
George Webb, Vice-Chair  
Dennis Baresco  
Earl Morris  
Mark Dumanowski  
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative  
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development  
Philip Pype, Archivist  
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services  
Barry Finkelman, Chair, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board  
Darren Folkersen, Solicitor [until 6:45 p.m.]  
Keith Crush, Business Development Officer [until 6:10 p.m.]  
Bruce Shepard, Museum Curator [until 6:10 p.m.]  
Judy Morris, Community Citizen [until 6:10 p.m. / 6:45 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.]

**Comment [JG1]:** I think I would use the word citizen over Member as someone might get confused as to what the Member refers to.

1. **City of Medicine Hat Incentive Plan**

Keith Crush, City of Medicine Hat Business Development Officer, provided a brief presentation on the Downtown Implementation Team Phase I recommendations that were adopted by City Council on January 17, 2011. He outlined the project framework, the project team members, and the process that was undertaken. He noted that City Council identified the city centre as a priority of new development and redevelopment and that investment and development of properties in the city centre by the private sector was critical to the success and sustainability of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. He outlined the recommendations that City Council agreed to and explained the five programs that were approved for funding over a four year period. There was discussion on the ability to optimize funding by accessing more than one program.

Committee members noted that the program does not protect a building or site that has not been municipally designated as a historic resource, and agreed that some guidelines should be developed to save historic resources. It was noted that the incentives could even encourage re-facing of historical buildings and maybe that the incentives should be conditional on preserving historic elements if a building was part of the historic inventory. Mr Crush advised that as communications for the plan were undertaken, the message to consider saving historic facades, etc. could be noted. Committee members agreed that an additional category be included to protect and preserve the historical character of properties that are designated thereby enabling access to both provincial funding as well as city funding. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Committee members expressed appreciation to Mr Crush and the team that worked to develop the Grant Program, noting that it was extremely well done.

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**At this time the Open meeting was recessed to discuss an item in camera. The Open meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.**

**2. Places of Interest List**

Committee members discussed the Places of Interest List for the upcoming workshop with Mr Mathew Francis, Manager of the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program. In preparation for the workshop, four potential heritage resources were chosen (Building: 525 – North Railway St. Box Car; Viewscape: 4th Ave and Aberdeen Street; Artefact: Blue Whale in Central Park; and Landscape: Lussier's Springs). Each of the resources will be documented with background, photos, survey information, etc. and placed on a story board. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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**3. Heritage Garden Committee**

Committee members agreed that an Information Item will be prepared to identify the Heritage Garden Plan, budget requirement and potential partnerships for the information of City Council. The heritage garden subcommittee will work on fundraising initiatives with various partners in the community.

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**4. Plaque Development**

Committee members were advised that cost quotations for design have been submitted, and options will be discussed and brought forward to the next meeting.

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**5. Public Relations Subcommittee**

George Webb advised that the subcommittee has considered some options for raising the awareness in the community of historical resources and the Heritage Resources Committee. Committee members agreed to participate in the Spectrum weekend by hosting a tea in the Ewart Duggan House. An appropriate visual presentation will be developed outlining both current and future projects of the Heritage Resources Committee.

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6. **Provincial Designation for the I-XL Industries Site**

Chair Malcolm Sissons advised that the application has been submitted to the Province for the designation of the Medicine Hat Brick plant portion of the I-XL site and that it was favourably received. The Province's decision will take a number of months and will be provided when it is received.

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7. **Discussion and Other Administrative Items**

There was brief discussion on the Monarch Theatre Statement of Significance amendment. A meeting with provincial staff has been established and an update will be brought forward to the next meeting.

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8. **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Other agenda items dealt with were Administrative matters.

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DAVID LEFLAR, CITY CLERK