

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012, AT 5:18 P.M.
AT THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM

PRESENT: Malcolm Sissons, Chair
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative
Mark Dumanowski
Earl Morris
Dennis Baresco
James Marshall
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Philip Pype, Archivist
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)
Barry Finkelman, Executive Director, Medalta Potteries (guest)
Dave Leflar, City Solicitor (guest) (*until 6:58 p.m.*)

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

- (a) The item Inventory Selection was added to the agenda under new business. The agenda was adopted as amended.
- (b) The minutes of Tuesday, February 7, 2012 were adopted as presented.

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The Chair declared the meeting recessed at 5:22 p.m. so that confidential matters could be reviewed *in camera*. The meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

2. Ewart Duggan Heritage Garden Project Update

(Appendix A)

- The Heritage Garden sub-committee met in January. (minutes attached).
- The picket fence has been built and is being stored off-site until installation in July.
- Fundraising efforts continue.
- Volunteers will be coordinated to begin planting in early spring.

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3. Inventory Selection**(Appendix B)**

In May 2011, the Committee identified thirteen buildings and one park that will be added to the Inventory List and subject to a Statement of Significance. The Committee will review the list and confirm choices for the meeting in April. The cost sharing proposal to complete these evaluations is currently being drafted. (Inventory list attached).

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4. St. John's Presbyterian Church Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

The exact location for the plaque installation was confirmed with Rev. Nancy Cocks. Invitations will be sent out in March for the unveiling ceremony to be held on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. The ceremony will be followed by a reception inside the church.

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5. Finlay Bridge Plaque

The revised plaque description was reviewed. Comments are to be forwarded to the Heritage Assistant. City staff will research and confirm the builders. Pedestal options were presented. Committee members will visit the site and discuss plaque placement at the April meeting.

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6. River Centre Dental Redevelopment

Chair Malcolm Sissons provided an overview of the second Open House held by River Centre Dental on March 1, 2012. Discussion occurred regarding the various proposed development plans: a commercial building, a multi-unit townhouse, or a landscaped screen wall. In all three options, there would still be a parking lot on the back of the properties. Committee members agreed that various aspects of the proposals do not reflect the historic residential character of First Street as defined in the draft Statement of Significance.

HRC's recommendations are as follows:

- Construction of a parking lot or commercial building is not consistent with the character-defining elements
- Future proposals should reflect the character defining elements as noted in the Statement of Significance for First Street Municipal Historic Area.

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7. First Street Statement of Significance (SoS)

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft Statement of Significance for First Street Municipal Historic Area. Comments are to be forwarded to the Heritage Assistant. The sub-committee will refine the draft further and complete the appendix which will include the address of each home and date of construction. The final draft will be reviewed at the April meeting and a copy sent to the City Solicitor for review. The Committee will seek public input by holding an open house.

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8. Municipal Heritage Leadership Award

The sub-committee confirmed it would be a conflict of interest for the Heritage Resources Committee to nominate the City for this award.

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9. Heritage Tree Brochure

A letter accepting Communities in Bloom's offer of a \$1,000.00 donation for printing costs was sent on February 8, 2012. The Communities in Bloom logo is now featured on the face of the brochure. A final draft of the brochure was approved. Chair, Malcolm Sissons signed a release on behalf of the Committee allowing the use of photographs in the brochure belonging to Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada.

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10. Other Administrative Items

The Committee discussed:

- 2012-2014 HRC Budget

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11. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at the Esplanade Cutbanks room.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK