

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012, AT 5:07 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:

Barry Finkelman, Chair, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Philip Pype, Archivist
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)
Lydell Wenzel, River Centre Dental Clinic (guest) *(until 6:05 p.m.)*
Chris Baba, River Centre Dental Clinic (guest) *(until 6:05 p.m.)*
Ken Siemens, River Centre Dental Clinic (guest) *(until 6:05 p.m.)*

1. Introduction of New Committee Member

Chair Malcolm Sissons welcomed and introduced new committee member James Marshall.

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2. Amendment to the Minutes of December 6, 2011

The minutes received and approved by City Council on December 19, 2011 were amended.

Item #4 River Centre Dental application for development permit was revised as follows:

An ad-hoc subcommittee was struck to prepare a Statement of Significance for the portion of First Street South from Fourth Avenue SE to just beyond Second Avenue SW.

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3. River Centre Dental application for development permit

Lydell Wenzel, Chris Baba and Ken Siemens, representatives from River Centre Dental Clinic, were welcomed to the meeting. Chair Malcolm Sissons provided an overview of the Committee's recommendations in regards to River Centre Dental Clinic's proposed rezoning and development plans.

HRC's recommendations are as follows:

- Ensure future development is consistent with the historic streetscape of First Street, with respect to the façade of the building and setback from the street including appropriate landscaping.
- Avoid any future transportation redevelopment that would widen First Street.
- Apply for a Municipal Historic Resource designation for the Kerr-Wallace house.
- Maintain transparency with the community and the Heritage Resources Committee in regards to future development.

Committee members expressed the view that the Committee is not opposed to development or re-development on First Street and that they believe that it should proceed with due regard for the historic nature of the street, taking into account the views of the neighbourhood.

Mr. Wenzel gave a presentation regarding the River Centre Dental Clinic future development plans.

Items being considered by River Centre Dental Clinic are:

- Preserve the Kerr-Wallace house if possible.
- Ensure residents' input on First Street and HRC's feedback is considered in regards to future development.
- Ensure the parking lot is located at the rear of the property.

River Centre Dental Clinic advised they will be holding an open house at their premises on January 11, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. Members of the Committee are invited to attend. Both parties agreed to a follow up meeting after the River Centre Dental open house. The Heritage Resources Committee will undertake to provide River Centre Dental Clinic with a description of the character-defining elements of First Street. The Committee referred River Centre Dental to the Heritage Resources city website for more information on the Municipal Historic Resource designation process.

Committee members expressed their thanks to Mr. Wenzel, Mr. Baba and Mr. Siemens for the information they provided on the River Centre Dental future development plans.

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4. Finlay Bridge Designation

On December 19, 2011 Council supported the designation of Finlay Bridge as a Municipal Historic Resource. Discussion occurred regarding the need for a plaque. The Committee expressed their appreciation to Alderman Kelly for his support during the designation process.

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5. Ewart Duggan Heritage Garden Project Update

A revised draft of the Alberta Historic Resources Grant Application was reviewed and discussed by the Committee. The application will be completed and submitted for consideration by the deadline of February 1, 2012. The Ewart Duggan subcommittee will meet in January. An update will be provided by the subcommittee at the February meeting.

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6. Terms of Office

On December 19, 2011 Council adopted the revised terms of office for three out of five Committee members to be extended until December 31, 2013.

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7. Municipal Heritage Leadership Award

Committee members discussed and agreed that the City of Medicine Hat should be nominated for the Prince of Wales Award from the Heritage Canada Foundation. An ad-hoc committee was formed to draft a nomination that will be reviewed at the February meeting. It was determined that the heritage tree brochure be included in the nomination.

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8. Heritage Tree Brochure

Committee members reviewed and discussed the revised draft brochure. The photograph of the elm at St. Joseph's Seminary at 156 3 Street NE will be updated in the spring. The final draft will be forwarded to Corporate Communications for finalization. Dennis was thanked by the chair on behalf of the Committee for his work on this project.

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9. First Street Statement of Significance (SoS)

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft Statement of Significance for First Street. Following discussion, it was determined that the streetscape would be extended west to include Harlow Tangle (i.e. almost to Chinook Drive) and not Second Avenue SW as previously suggested. Available photographs and articles will be included in the SoS. The Committee will review and provide feedback to the subcommittee. A refined draft will be reviewed in February.

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10. I-XL Industries Ltd. Transfer to Medalta

I-XL Industries Ltd. have concluded an arrangement with the Friends of Medalta to purchase the Medicine Hat Brick and Tile land and buildings (part of the I-XL site). This arrangement will allow the renovations of these buildings which will become part of the Friends of Medalta interpretation of the historic clay industries. Future plans include tours of the premises with demonstrations of the brick making process as it was in 1886. An application for status as a Provincial Historic Site is in the process. The site is already part of the Clay Industries National Historic District.

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11. Other Administrative Items

The Committee discussed:

- Letter to School Division #76 re: Elm Street School Renovations
- Variance Report

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12. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at Medalta Potteries.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Received by City Council on _____.

BETTY KOCH, ACTING CITY CLERK