

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012, AT 5:15 P.M.
AT THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM

PRESENT: Malcolm Sissons, Chair
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 (*left at 6:45 p.m.*)
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)
Barry Finkelman, Executive Director, Medalta Potteries (guest)

NOT PRESENT:
Mark Dumanowski
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order. The following items were added to the agenda:

- (a) Corbin Bridge under business arising;
- (b) Walking tour brochure under new business;
- (c) Jane's Walk under items for information;
- (d) Medicine Hat Brick and Tile provincial designation under items for information;
- (e) The minutes of Tuesday, April 3, 2012 were adopted as presented.

INFORMATION

2. Corbin Bridge

Appendix A

A letter was sent on May 1, 2012 to the Commissioner, Development and Infrastructure Division requesting the name change of the bridge over Ross Creek currently referred to as Porcelain Avenue Bridge. The committee does not anticipate any cost to the City to do this. (copy of letter attached)

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3. Proposed Statement of Significance (SoS) List**Appendix B**

The Committee reviewed the proposed draft Statement of Significance list and determined their top ten buildings to be evaluated in 2012. This list will be given to the chosen consultant so that they may complete an SoS on each building. A further five buildings will be determined at the next meeting. (proposed SoS list attached)

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4. Ewart Duggan Garden Project Update**Appendix C**

- A plant list was developed for donation purposes to ensure authentic historic plants are received. This information has been circulated to the Committee, Horticultural Society and the subcommittee. Any donations can be referred to the Heritage Assistant. (copy of plant list attached)
- Estimates to relocate or remove the three spruce trees have been received by City staff. A media release will go out prior to any activity to keep the public informed about the rationale to relocate or remove the spruce trees.
- A volunteer has come forward to offer bobcat services and prepare the front yard for planting.
- Follow up with the Kiwanis Club donation has revealed a donation is forthcoming.
- The underground sprinkler system on the property will remain intact for possible future use.

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5. St. John's Presbyterian Church Unveiling Ceremony Debrief

The unveiling ceremony was well attended and included a historic theme throughout the service and reception. The Mayor, members of Council and the media were among the guests. A tour was offered by one of the church elders following the ceremony. The Committee would like to thank the Mayor for participating in the ceremony and speaking on behalf of the City. The plaque will be installed this week.

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6. Finlay Bridge Plaque

Discussion occurred regarding alternate locations for placement of the plaque to ensure visibility. City staff will research further.

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7. **First Street Draft Statement of Significance (SoS)**

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft Statement of Significance for First Street Municipal Historic Area. The current draft will be refined according to provincial guidelines and feedback received from the Province as well as the public. In order to receive public input an open house will be held on May 24, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Esplanade Studio Theatre. Committee members will be available with display boards, background information and a comment sheet for feedback. A Committee volunteer has agreed to hand deliver invitations to First Street residents. A media release will go out the week before.

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8. **Heritage Tree Brochure**

A donation was received from Communities In Bloom to pay for printing costs of the brochures. The Committee would like to thank Communities In Bloom for co-sponsorship. Over 1,100 brochures have been circulated to the following organizations:

Police Point Nature Centre
Medalta Potteries
Tourist Centre
City Parks Department
Esplanade
City Hall
Medicine Hat Library

City Council & Commissioners
Chamber of Commerce
Welcome Wagon
Historic Society of Medicine Hat
& District
Horticultural Society
Communities In Bloom

A copy is also available on the Heritage Resources Committee website. A copy will be forwarded to local media.

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9. **Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Heritage Awards 2012**

As part of the ongoing efforts to honour local contributions in the protection, preservation and promotion of Alberta's built heritage, history and archaeology, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation is seeking nominations. The deadline for submitting nominations is June 1, 2012. The Committee will nominate the Finlay Bridge.

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10. Other Administrative Items

The Committee discussed:

- Jane’s Walk – June 23, 2012
- Medicine Hat Brick and Tile Provincial Designation
- RFP Consultant Selection
- Walking Tour Brochure
- Historic plaque maintenance

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11. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at the Esplanade Cutbanks room.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Received by City Council on _____.

ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK