

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012, AT 5:15 P.M.**  
**AT THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

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**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)  
Erin Onoferychuk, Senior Planner (guest)

**1. Call To Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

- (a) The item Corbin Bridge was added to the agenda under new business. The agenda was adopted as amended.
- (b) The minutes of Tuesday, March 6, 2012 were adopted as presented.

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**2. Heritage Resources Bylaw No. 4114**

City Council passed the Heritage Resources Bylaw No. 4114 on April 2, 2012. Clarification was made in regards to closed meetings. Guests are not permitted to attend closed meetings. Going forward the agenda and open minutes will be posted on the City website.

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**3. St. John's Presbyterian Church Unveiling Ceremony**

Invitations have been circulated. The Church is organizing the reception that will follow the unveiling ceremony. The Mayor has confirmed his attendance. A program will be circulated to Committee members and the Mayor. A media advisory will be sent prior to the event and a press release will be available to the media the day of the event. Committee members volunteered to take photos of the ceremony.

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**4. Finlay Bridge Plaque**

Committee members determined the best location for the plaque is on the south east side on an existing pillar exiting the north west corner of Riverside Veterans Memorial Park. This will allow the plaque to be viewed either exiting the park or walking on the sidewalk. City staff will contact Parks Department for approval. A refined draft of the plaque will be provided at the May meeting. An unveiling ceremony will be considered in the summer.

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

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft Statement of Significance for First Street Municipal Historic Area. As the current format contains a considerable amount of content, it was determined the existing document will be used as background information. The standard SoS template recommended by the Province will be used.

A draft appendix was circulated to members containing the address and date of construction for each home. Within a historic district, though most houses do meet the age definition of historical status, this does not necessarily make it a candidate for historical resources designation. It is not only the age and architectural characteristics of the house but also the social history of the inhabitants that would need to be considered. A municipal historic area as defined is a broader definition than that of a streetscape. A streetscape is a subset of a historical area. The draft appendix will be refined further to contain social history information where applicable.

The sub-committee will meet again to complete the final format. The Committee agreed the next stage would be to seek public input by holding an open house in early May, 2012.

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**6. River Centre Dental Redevelopment**

The Committee discussed a clarification that of the three proposed development plans made by River Centre Dental at Open Houses for residents, the residential multi-unit townhouse concept may be acceptable on the streetscape providing it reflects the character defining elements noted in the SoS for the First Street Municipal Historic Area. Upon review of article 2.06 of the Heritage Resources Bylaw, the Committee confirms that it has been complying fully with the mandate while not having exceeded it.

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**7. Ewart Duggan Garden Project Update**

- Donations have been received from I-XL Industries Ltd. and The Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District. Follow up donations will be undertaken by the Committee with The Kiwanis Club and Horticultural Society. Ben Verner made a significant contribution of his time to construct the picket fence.
- Estimates to relocate or move the three spruce trees in front are being considered. A draft media release has been prepared to inform the public about the rationale to relocate or remove the spruce trees.
- Estimates to employ a bobcat will be gathered.
- A proposal was received from an artist from Calgary requesting use of the remaining trees stumps. The exhibit would be displayed in the backyard of the Ewart Duggan House from August to October. Assuming relocation of the trees is not possible and no additional costs are incurred to preserve the stumps the Committee will consider this proposal.

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**8. Request for Proposal Inventory List (RFP)**

The request for proposal was sent out April 3, 2012 with a deadline of May 1, 2012. A selection committee was formed. The draft cost sharing proposal is being refined. The Committee reviewed the RFP inventory list and will confirm choices at the meeting in May.

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**9. Heritage Tree Brochure**

2,500 brochures have been printed. The Committee discussed brochure circulation and determined locations for the brochure to be distributed. City staff will monitor brochure inventory.

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**10. Ewart Duggan House Artists Residency Program**

The Artists Residency Program at the Ewart Duggan House is ready to proceed. The artists who are completing the piece at Batus Park will be the first to pilot the program. They are scheduled to occupy the house mid May to mid June 2012. The Esplanade aims to launch this program in September. Discussion occurred regarding the availability of the house to other organizations and tours. The residency program is expected to be varied in length and on a case by case basis. Public use will be monitored during the pilot program.

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**11. Spectrum Festival – June 1-3, 2012**

Discussion occurred regarding an open house at the Ewart Duggan House during Spectrum Festival. It was determined that weather permitting it would be a great opportunity to promote the progress of the garden project. Display boards and Committee volunteers may be available in the front yard where work will have already commenced.

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**12. Corbin Bridge**

The bridge over Ross Creek has been reconstructed following the flood of 2010 and is currently referred to as Porcelain Avenue Bridge. This bridge leads to the homestead of David Corbin, a brick maker from Ontario who was the original settler on this land in 1886. He set up the original brick manufacturing in this area. Discussion occurred regarding the identity of the bridge and a possible name change to recognize the original settler. The Committee agreed to send a letter to the City requesting the name change to Corbin Bridge.

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**13. Other Administrative Items**

The Committee discussed:

- SoS Follow up packages – March 2011
- Heritage Awards

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**14. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at the Esplanade Cutbanks room.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Received by City Council on \_\_\_\_\_.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK