

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 2012, AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

PRESENT: Earl Morris, Vice-Chair
Mark Dumanowski
Dennis Baresco
James Marshall

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Philip Pype, Archivist
Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)
Laura Pasacreta, Associate, Culture & Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton & Associates (Guest)
Chelsea Dunk, Senior Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton & Associates (Guest)
Sam Boisvert, Research Assistant, Donald Luxton & Associates (Guest)

NOT PRESENT:

Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative
Malcolm Sissons, Chair
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative

1. Call To Order

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

- (a) Historical Markers under Business Arising from the Minutes;
- (b) Thematic Framework – Community Context Paper under New Business;
- (c) Drill Hall under Items for Information

2. Finlay Bridge Plaque Update

(Appendix A)

The Committee reviewed the recommendation of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) regarding the placement and manner of mounting the plaque. TCC supports Option 1 (as per attached photo) with the plaque mounted on a pedestal.

The TCC indicated the need to complete a utilities locate. After discussion it was moved by Mark Dumanowski, seconded by Dennis Baresco, that:

THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THEY APPROVE OPTION 1 FOR THE LOCATION OF THE FINLAY BRIDGE PLAQUE AND PEDESTAL.

CARRIED

ADOPTION

3. Isabelle Doreen Sissons

The Committee would like to express their condolences to Malcolm Sissons and his family on the passing of his Aunt, Isabelle Doreen Sissons, at the age of 94.

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4. George William “Bill” Webb

The Committee would like to express their condolences to George Webb, former Heritage Resources Committee member, and his family on the passing of his father, George William “Bill” Webb, at the age of 91.

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5. Ewart Duggan Garden Project Update

- The white picket fence has been installed and painted along the front and sides of the house.
- As there are enough materials to complete a portion of the picket fence along with a gate, it was recommended to the committee to consider having the fence extended from the south end of the fence along the east property line toward the house at the back. This would both stabilize the fence and provide a finished look. Annual flowers have been planted for now until more perennials are planted in the fall. Plant donations are being coordinated for a fall planting.
- A celebration for completion of Phase 1 is being planned for the fall to recognize donors and volunteers.
- Fundraising will continue and follow up on donations will be undertaken by the Committee with The Kiwanis Club and Horticultural Society.

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6. 2012 Heritage Festival Debrief

- Attendance totalled 850 people through the facilities with 250 touring the Ewart Duggan House.
- The Heritage Resources Committee (HRC) participated in the Heritage Festival by presenting display boards at the Ewart Duggan House about the garden project and shared a table with the Historical Society on the activity of the HRC.

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7. Historical Markers

Information was shared that research is being conducted to locate the masters for the heritage signs that were done as part of the Main Street Program and the Medalta Program many years ago. It was felt that it would be helpful to have the original script of these signs for future consideration when heritage signs are needed. The Committee has a lead on some of the original scripts which will be pursued.

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8. Finlay Bridge Safety Hand Railing Upgrade

The Committee is waiting for feedback from City Council on HRC suggestions regarding how to balance safety with historical integrity.

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9. Medicine Hat Heritage Inventory

Following the introduction of the three consultants from Donald Luxton & Associates, they presented to the committee their timeline for how they would complete their tasks up to December 31, 2012 on the Year One Inventory Project. In addition to explaining their values-based approach and what their firm has to offer, they outlined what the role of the Heritage Resources Committee will be and the potential benefits to our community. They also encouraged the value of the development of a Thematic Framework/Community Context Paper to provide the Committee with a good foundation and framework for future priority decision-making on historic buildings, structures, landscapes etc. The Context Paper would engage the community through a workshop.

As there is money in the budget, the Committee approved funds totalling approximately \$8,000.00 for the Context Paper. The required workshop and open house are tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2012 and November 20, 2012 respectively.

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10. Other Administrative Items

The Committee discussed:

- (a) Updated Heritage Resources Committee Contact List.
- (b) Original blueprints of the Drill Hall and photos of how the camp looked then and now.
- (c) PBS Documentary entitled "The Next American Dream" that outlines how in five years Kansas City was able to revitalize their downtown core from derelict to thriving.
- (d) Updated Variance Report.
- (e) Possible change of meeting night following statutory holidays so as not to conflict with Council meetings.

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11. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at the Esplanade Cutbanks Room.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK