

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012, AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services
Philip Pype, Archivist
Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, Heritage Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

NOT PRESENT: Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative

GUESTS: Barry Finkelman
Laura Pasacreta, Culture and Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton
& Associates
Chelsea Dunk, Senior Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton &
Associates

1. Call To Order

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

- (a) Designation of Medicine Hat Brick and Tile under Items for Information
- (b) Review of Presentation for the 2012 Heritage Forum as part of the Forum item under Items for Information;
- (c) Connaught School as part of the Certificate Template item under Items for Information;
- (d) New Grant Possibility under New Business.

2. First Street Statement of Significance (SoS)

Based on information learned through consultations with the Province and the City Solicitor's Office, the Committee made the decision to not proceed with a recommendation to designate the originally defined area for First Street Municipal Historic Area. Instead, the Committee considered that the public portions, which include streets, boulevards, trees, and sidewalks would be sufficient to indicate to the public the historic importance of the area.

Moved by Earl Morris and seconded by Dr. Andrea McIntosh, to:

RECOMMEND THAT THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED PORTION OF FIRST STREET FROM 4TH AVENUE SE TO EAST OF CHINOOK DRIVE INCLUDING ALL AVENUES NORTH OF FIRST STREET IN THIS REGION AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC AREAS THAT ADJOIN THOSE STREETS, BE DESIGNATED AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC AREA AS DEFINED BY THE HISTORIC RESOURCES ACT OF ALBERTA.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION

3. Demolition Permit Process

The Committee became aware that the City is currently working on a new Demolition Permit Process. To ensure the process captures potential historical resources, input was requested from the Committee on what they would like to see included in the pre-demolition report and their suggested time frame for review. After discussion, the Committee suggested that any building 45 years or older (per City definition of "historic") be flagged for potential review by the Committee within two weeks of application. This input will be included in the draft of the new process.

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4. New Grant Possibility

The Committee was made aware of a Legacy Fund from Heritage Canada for buildings that had their 100th or 125th anniversary in 2012. The fund allows for continuous intake for grant funding for a maximum of \$25,000 with an application deadline of December 31, 2012. The Committee decided to apply for funds for both Phase II of the Ewart Duggan Garden Project and for support to produce a digital tour of the Ewart Duggan home via the use of an application using an iphone.

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5. Finlay Bridge Plaque Installation and Unveiling Update

The unveiling ceremony proceeded as planned on October 18, 2012, with the much appreciated participation of Mayor Boucher and Alderman Thompson. The plaque with attached stand will be mounted as weather permits in the approved location.

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6. Ewart Duggan Garden Project Update

- The Ewart Duggan Garden Sub-Committee will meet in January of 2013 to discuss Phase II of the Garden Project.
- Examples of park benches for the Ewart Duggan Garden were reviewed. In addition to being historically appropriate, concerns such as the ability to attach a plaque to recognize the donor were discussed. Additional research will be conducted with the intent to make a recommendation to Committee members so that benches may be purchased with donated funds. The number of benches is yet to be determined.
- With permission from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, it was confirmed that the Kiwanis Society of Medicine Hat is now able to proceed with their donation toward the Ewart Duggan House Garden Project.

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7. Hargrave Sissons/Merchants Bank Update

Follow-up was completed with the owners regarding the exterior painting of the Merchants Bank building. The Committee was assured by the Planning Department that a proper process is in place and that dialogue will continue with the owners.

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8. Historic Inventory Project Update

- The Committee reviewed the letter that the Chair sent to the Superintendent of Schools of the Medicine Hat School District No. 76 in regards to evaluation of the Earl Kitchener School. The letter notes that potential renovations may put the historical integrity of this possible historic resource at risk. The Committee is awaiting a reply from the School District.
- Follow-up was undertaken by the Chair with the owners of the Kerr-Wallace house. They have reversed their initial decision to refuse access and the Committee now has permission to gain access for evaluation purposes.
- The consultants from Donald Luxton and Associates shared the results compiled following the Thematic Framework/Context Paper workshop held on October 23, 2012 with the Heritage Resources Committee. Feedback was provided. The final draft will be available at the public Open House November 20, 2012.

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9. Other Administrative Items

The Committee noted and discussed:

- (a) A Centennial Certificate Template, as was developed for St. Patrick's Church was agreed upon. It was also decided that the Committee would be proactive and provide a certificate to all public, civic and significant commercial buildings 100 years or older during their centennial year. Certificates will be attached to the meeting minutes and will become part of the public record.
- (b) It was noted that there was one application received for the one opening on the HRC beginning January 2013.
- (c) Additional Heritage Tree Brochures were ordered which will use up the funds that were donated for this purpose by Communities in Bloom.
- (d) The Variance Report for the month ending September 30, 2012 was distributed. An approximate balance of remaining funds based on purchases to date was also summarized. Current and proposed consulting projects may incur additional expenses prior to year end.
- (e) It was noted that arrangements were finalized for two members to attend the Municipal Heritage Forum in Calgary on November 8th and 9th, 2012 and the decision was made to allow an additional member to attend as well. The Chair also requested feedback on the ten minute presentation on heritage preservation in Medicine Hat that he had prepared upon request by the Forum organizers.
- (f) The Committee learned that on October 4, 2012, the Minister of Culture, Heather Klimchuk signed the order designating Medicine Hat Brick and Tile as a Provincial Historic Resource. The Historic Clay Area now has two national designations and three provincial designations. The Committee will be invited to the official announcement when a date has been arranged with the Minister.

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10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at the Ewart Duggan House.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK