

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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
James Marshall
Mark Dumanowski

ALSO PRESENT:
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Philip Pype, Archivist
Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)
Barry Finkelman, Executive Director, Medalta Potteries (Guest)

NOT PRESENT:
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services

1. Call To Order

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

- (a) 2012 Municipal Heritage Forum and associated website under New Business;
- (b) Municipal Heritage Partnership Program website under Items for Information;
- (c) "Guidelines for Implementing Context Studies and Value-based Management of Historic Places" and associated website under Items for Information;
- (d) Updated Variance Reports for the Committee as well as for the Duggan House Garden Project under Items for Information;
- (e) Thank you e-mail from Scott Duggan regarding the Ewart-Duggan home garden and fence under Items for Information.

2. E-mail from Scott Duggan

(Appendix A)

A thank you e-mail from Scott Duggan and on behalf of his brother, John Winston Duggan, Jr. was read to the committee. (copy of e-mail attached)

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3. Kerr-Wallace House Letter**(Appendix B)**

The Hewitt-Wallace/Kerr-Wallace House Letter as attached, led to a discussion on the protocol of naming historic homes. The Committee decided to follow the convention of naming the house after the original owner and the most recent owner-occupant (i.e. excluding commercial owners) at the time of designation; therefore the Committee will refer to the House as the Kerr-Wallace House. It is noted that the Hewitt family lived there in between and that Mary Hewitt married Stew Wallace and continued to live there. Further, the Committee notes that the house will be protected for a period of 10 years as part of the development permit agreement but the Committee is very concerned it might not survive after that period and how to protect it permanently. Clarification will be sought from the legal department of the City and the Committee will still seek to have the house designated as a historic site. (copy of letter attached)

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4. 2012 Municipal Heritage Forum and Associated Website

The Committee agreed that it would be worthwhile to send at least two Committee members to this forum in Calgary on November 8 & 9, 2012. A decision will be made at the October meeting as to who will attend. Members will have the opportunity to review the associated website that includes a complete collection of the 2011 presentations and should indicate their interest in attending to the Heritage Resources Assistant prior to the next meeting.

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5. Finlay Bridge Plaque Order and Installation Update

The plaque and appropriate stand have been ordered. The Committee discussed plans for an unveiling ceremony that has been tentatively scheduled for October 18, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

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6. Finlay Bridge Safety Hand Railing Upgrade

Information was shared on the decision of City Council and a related *Medicine Hat News* article was distributed. The Committee is pleased with the outcome. No further action is required.

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7. First Street Final SoS

Committee members received the most recent draft of the First Street Municipal Historic Area Statement of Significance for review. Any concerns will be discussed in a Closed session with the legal department tentatively scheduled for October 2, 2012.

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8. Ewart Duggan Garden Project Update

- The additional white picket fence and gate has been installed in the back and includes a removable enclosure around the air conditioner. Painting of the fence will be completed by early September.
- Additional perennials have been collected and plans are to plant them the first week of September.
- The Garden sub-committee will decide at some point whether or not they would like to build an arbour and include some historically authentic annuals each year to provide summer-long colour.
- Various ideas were discussed on how to acquire one or two appropriate park benches for the garden.
- The availability of tours of the Ewart-Duggan House was shared.
- A garden party for the completion of Phase 1 is being planned for September 30, 2012, from 2 – 4 p.m. 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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9. Year One Historic Inventory Project Update

The consultants from Donald Luxton & Associates are scheduled to conduct research early this month on the first 10 sites from the Places of Interest List compiled by the Committee. They will return on October 23, 2012, for a workshop that will be used to develop 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.

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10. Meeting Day

Due to conflicts with City Council meetings following statutory holidays, the Committee decided to change their meeting time to 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. This change would be effective January 2013.

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11. Corbin Bridge Upgrade

Council approved the name change on August 20, 2012. The Committee will investigate steps to obtain appropriate signage.

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12. Medicine Hat Brick & Tile Historic Site

It was noted that any time after September 15, 2012, the Minister could officially designate the Brick and Tile site as a Provincial Historical Resource.

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13. Medalta Pottery Dance

The Committee was made aware of the Medalta Pottery Dance at 9:00 p.m. on September 27, 2012. It will be the after party for the Art Walk that is the first event of Alberta Arts Days.

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14. Other Administrative Items

The Committee reviewed and discussed:

- (a) Thank You Letter regarding Participation in the Heritage Festival.
- (b) Civil Defence Siren Draft SoS.
- (c) Municipal Historic Resource Designation; Completing Documentation for Provincial Registry.
- (d) Variance Reports for the Committee as well as for the Duggan House Garden Project.
- (e) Municipal Heritage Partnership Program website.
- (f) "Guidelines for Implementing Context Studies and Value-based Management of Historic Places" and associated website.

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15. **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at the Esplanade Cutbanks Room.

16. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK