

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012, AT 5:55 P.M.  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. MARK DUMANOWSKI**

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**PRESENT:** Malcolm Sissons, Chair  
Earl Morris  
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative  
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)

**GUESTS:** Barry Finkelman, Executive Director & General Manager, Historic  
Clay District  
Laura Pasacreta, Culture and Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton  
& Associates  
Chelsea Dunk, Senior Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton &  
Associates  
Sam Boisvert, Research Assistant, Donald Luxton & Associates

**1. Call To Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- (a) Saamis Buffalo Jump and City of Medicine Hat Boat as possible candidates for investigation under New Business;
- (b) Visit by the Minister of Culture under Items for Information.

**2. First Street Historic Area Update**

The Committee considered the implications of designating First Street as a Municipal Historic Area. Discussion took place regarding the publicly owned portions of this area. The Committee will consult with city departments on the implications.

The Committee notes that the character defining elements in this area are:

- the current street width and adjacent sidewalks;
- the mature trees and continuity of the tree canopy by succession and infill planting;
- the grass boulevards with future restoration where they have been removed; and
- views of the River Valley.

It should be noted that as a functioning city street, the Committee acknowledges that periodic access to subsurface utilities are required and road resurfacing.

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**3. Heritage Canada Foundation, Prince of Wales Prize**

The Committee agreed the City warrants nomination for the Prince of Wales Prize for Municipal Leadership; therefore a Sub-committee was struck to review the nomination procedures and the feasibility of meeting the application deadline of February 28, 2013. A decision will be made at the January meeting on whether the Committee will proceed with a nomination.

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**4. Architectural/Engineering Advice With Code Issues in Historic Buildings**

The Committee discussed the barriers arising from building code issues in the restoration of historic buildings. It was noted that a suggestion had been made to Matthew Francis, Head, Municipal Heritage Services, Alberta Culture, that guidelines be prepared that would include resources and solutions to common code problems. The Committee will research the possibility of inviting a knowledgeable engineer to conduct a seminar for the Committee, as well as representatives from Corporate Asset Management Department, Planning, Building & Development Services Department, local developers and the general public on the application of codes to historical restoration.

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**5. Saamis Buffalo Jump and City of Medicine Hat Boat as Possible Candidates for Investigation**

The Committee noted two possible historic resources for potential investigation: the Saamis Buffalo Jump and the "City of Medicine Hat" boat that sank in Saskatoon.

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**6. Legacy Fund Grant Update**

After additional research on the funding criteria for the Legacy Fund Grant, the Committee agreed that the Ewart Duggan Heritage Garden did not fit the criteria. It was noted that Medicine Hat Brick and Tile may be a suitable candidate. The information collected to date on this grant will be shared with Barry Finkelman.

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**7. Ewart Duggan Garden Project Update**

- Thank you letters from the Chair will be sent to the Kiwanis Society for their \$5,000.00 donation and to the Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District for their \$2,000.00 donation toward Phase II of the Ewart Duggan Garden Project.
- The Ewart Duggan Garden Sub-Committee will meet in January 2013 to discuss Phase II of the Garden Project including the choice of suitable park benches for the garden.
- The Horticultural Society has indicated an interest in purchasing a specific item for the garden. They will be updated in January regarding a plan to provide an estimate for a specific item.

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**8. Sandstone Conservation Project**

The Committee noted that St. John's Church as part of their Maintenance Agreement, has initiated the process regarding sandstone restoration. A consultant will provide an estimate of the cost of restoration for St. John's Church, the Cypress Club and the Hargrave Sissons Block. The research gathered will be useful for other local buildings as well and the consultant is expected to provide some general conservation advice. As the Committee is concerned about the detrimental effects on building materials when de-icing salt is used for icy conditions, the Committee will produce a public advisory recommending the use of warm sand on sidewalks.

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**9. Historic Inventory Project**

- The most recent response from MHSD#76 was shared with the Committee. The Chair of the Committee will continue to dialogue with the Board to encourage the evaluation of the schools of interest.

- Donald Luxton & Associates debriefed on the success of the November 20<sup>th</sup> Public Open House. Fifty-five individuals attended and completed a survey which will be included in the consultants' final report.
- The consultants presented the draft of the Statements of Significance prepared on the eleven Places of Interest that they evaluated. The Committee provided initial feedback; additional comments are due January 4, 2013. With regards to the Rhine Hall SoS, a Committee member shared the original blueprints for viewing.
- In January, the Committee will discuss additional sites of interest with the intent of choosing a variety located in various areas of the city.

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#### 10. Other Administrative Items

The Committee noted and discussed:

**(Appendix A)**

- (a) Research by a Committee member on 100 year old commercial and public buildings in 2012 was shared. A decision was made to award each of these buildings a Centennial Certificate that will be signed by the Mayor and the Chair of the Committee. The Committee will place an ad at the end of the year that will recognize these centennial buildings and encourage building owners who may have been missed to contact the Committee. The buildings that will receive certificates are listed in Appendix A.
- (b) "Place Matters!" Municipal Heritage Forum 2012 was attended by three Committee Members. Those who attended, including the City representative and guests, noted it was a worthwhile event. It was also noted that the Chair's presentation put the work of the Committee on the map. One Committee member shared copies of the City of Calgary Parks "Cultural Landscape Strategic Plan 2012" DVD. Of particular note was the Century Homes Session that explained how 500 – 600 homeowners in Calgary researched their 100 year old homes that became part of a walking and bike tour. Two Committee members volunteered to start a Sub-Committee to initiate a similar program in Medicine Hat next year.
- (c) Outgoing Committee member, Dennis Baresco, was thanked for his work for the Committee and in particular for his work on the Heritage Tree Brochure. The newly appointed member, Dwaine Dietrich, will be welcomed on January 10, 2013.
- (d) Updated budget reports were shared with the Committee.

- (e) The Committee was invited to attend the designation of the Medicine Hat Brick and Tile property as a Provincial Historic Resource by the Minister of Culture, Heather Klimchuk, on December 8, 2012. MP Lavar Payne will make an announcement regarding a Parks Canada grant for restoration of historic buildings within the Clay Industries National Historic District.

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**11. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at the Esplanade Cutbanks Room.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK