

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIGHORN NO. 8

HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD DECEMBER 12, 2011 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN EXSHAW

PRESENT: DENNIS APEDAILE CHAIRMAN (Public)
BERT DYCK MEMBER (Public)
LYNDA GRISCHKAT MEMBER (Public)
CAROLYN MONTGOMERY MEMBER (Council)

STAFF: GREG BIRCH ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL MANAGER
ULRIKA GILLESPIE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

REGRETS: KAREN CLARK MEMBER (Public)

GUESTS: Andrew Stiles, McDougall Stoney Mission Society

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Apedaile called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., noting that the printed agenda that had been sent out previously had erroneously copied the start time of the November meeting and was not correct.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Apedaile asked if there were any changes proposed to the agenda by the Heritage Resources Committee (HRC) members or staff. There were no proposed changes.

MOTION 01.12.11 DYCK THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the agenda as presented, with the correction of the meeting start time to be 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The Chairman asked if there were any changes proposed to the November 7, 2011 meeting minutes. There were no proposed changes.

MOTION 02.12.11 MONTGOMERY THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 Heritage Resources Committee meeting as presented.

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Lynda Grischkat joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. Oral History

i Update

It was reported that one interview had been recorded and that it had gone very well. Staff expressed that Mrs. Clark was a very skilled interviewer. The interview was now stored on a computer hard drive and on a back up drive. Staff had tried to use a data storage card on the camera at the time of the interview but had not been successful. The next steps will be to edit the data into some useable form and present it. Staff offered to play part of the interview at the end of the meeting if there was time.

A second interview had been arranged but there was not enough storage space left on the camera hard drive at that time and the roads were not good to travel on so the interview had been postponed.

ii Pre-interview prep list

A pre-interview preparation list had been prepared by Mrs. Clark and was handed out to the members. The members agreed that it was a useful check list for anyone doing interviews in the future. They agreed that the selection of the interviewee should be by the HRC and not by Council as shown on the list.

B. Exshaw Cemetery

i Website

Using a computer and projector, staff provided an overview of the Exshaw cemetery page on the website that administration proposed to make public. There was a link to the list of information compiled to date along with the map recently produced and the old Parks plan for the cemetery. The page showed a few photographs and discussed the HRC's efforts to get more information. Administration will add photographs showing more detail, including the names on the plaque as suggested. The members were pleased with the work and had no problems with the material being made public.

C. Donations/Gifts to Bighorn

At the November meeting, the HRC had not finished discussing the matter of heritage item donations. The topic had been raised after seeing the organ, originally from Exshaw, at the Canmore Museum.

The Committee agreed that the MD has no storage space and may only be able to accept small things, such as photographs, that do not take much space. They would like to seek ways to accommodate donations, if the HRC decided to accept the donation, and to keep options open. Having a display case may be one option to consider to keep a few items.

Other points discussed were the need to establish priorities for collecting and that the HRC would like to know where important items go if they are unable to keep them. The HRC members would like to help people by steering them to the right



group that may be able to keep the items, their goal being to keep important historical items from ending up in a landfill. They would like to get this message out to the public. The MD would need to make it clear that it would accept a few special, small items and that their intent is not to receive loads of unwanted old items. It was noted that collecting historical items is part of the committee's mandate. The Committee then asked administration to draft an article that would capture the essence of this discussion, to be placed on the website or sent out in a future newsletter so that the public was aware of the Committee's interest.

D. Raising Heritage Awareness

Raising heritage awareness was discussed at the November meeting but the Committee did not finish its discussion. Again, one idea proposed was a display case. It could be used to display vignettes of historical stories including photographs, text and objects. Administration noted that over the last couple of years, money has been used to carry out the historical resources survey, inventory and now management plan and when the management plan is complete, money could be used for things like promotion if Council continued with about the same level of funding.

At 9:55 a.m. Mr. Birch reported that the receptionist had just received a phone call stating that the delegation from the McDougall Stoney Mission Society could not attend.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Promotion Website

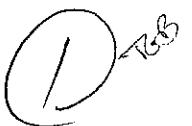
The MD's website was displayed on the screen and Mrs. Gillespie provided an overview of the heritage pages: the main page with information about the committee and its meetings; the second page with information on heritage resources and participation in the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program; and the third was page dedicated to the Exshaw cemetery. The Committee thanked her for a job well done.

A. Tracking Form

The Committee reviewed the unfinished business tracking form. Referring to items:

1. Heritage Management Plan - Have heritage resources poster boards, which were produced last year, displayed when committee meets in January 2012 with Donald Luxton and Associates Inc.
2. Oral History – The Chairman expressed that he was very pleased to have an interview done. Administration is to follow up with lawyer to have interview release form reviewed.
4. Historic Book Listing/Collection – Administration to return to Canmore Museum to see what books were for sale in shop to see if any may be suitable for the Committee to purchase.
14. Policy for photographing current events – The heritage assistant continues to put photograph details in place. It was recognized that proper initial set up of a data base would take time. The Chairman would like the heritage assistant to attend a future meeting. Administration said they would purchase proper storage envelopes and boxes for the photographs.

Mr. Birch noted that many ongoing items had been moved from the top portion of the tracking form down to the "completed" section at the bottom.



At 10: 20 a.m. Andrew Stiles from the McDougall Stoney Mission Society arrived and joined the meeting. Mr. Stiles said that he was aware that the other members were not able to attend and that they knew he would be attending.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. McDougall Stoney Mission Society

Andrew Stiles, board member of the McDougall Stoney Mission Society (MSMS), provided background on the society. Restoration of the McDougall Church had begun in the 1950's by Gerald McDougall's father (Gerald McDougall was to be at meeting but had to cancel) and the next generations of McDougalls are now interested in taking care of the site. A list of MSMS board members was provided. Mr. Stiles said the Society would like to complement efforts being made by the MD on the MD's history. It was agreed that the HRC and MSMS have similar interests and it was important to establish a link between them. Mr. Stiles provided three publications: McDougall Memorial Service October 5th, 1952, by John Laurie; McDougall Stoney Mission Site – Guide to an Interpretive Walk; and Mission to the Stoney by Robert MacDonal. The story of the development of the Morleyville Settlement is also available on the Society's website. Mr. Stiles encouraged the HRC to visit the site to see the interpretive panels that were installed recently. In 2011 there were 9 weddings at the church and they hold annual services there. The HRC asked to be added to the Society's email list in order to be aware of special events.

The MSMS is concerned with development in the area and the Chairman encouraged the MSMS to contact the MD of Bighorn planning department as the MD's Municipal Development Plan is currently under review and the review committee is seeking public input. The MSMS could make their concerns about development in the area known.

There was a discussion about the cemetery located across the 1A Highway from the church and that many of the McDougall family members were buried there. Mr. Stiles showed a map with an aerial photograph of the area.

The Chairman asked what is the MSMS's understanding with Alberta Transportation's realignment of 1A Highway. Mr. Stiles did not have information on that but he could find out.

The Chairman asked about their relationship with the Stoney First Nation and Mr. Stiles said that there is the need to renew friendships with each generation.

The Chairman said that he hoped that, in the future, the MSMS and Bighorn could collaborate on something at or near the church site.

Mr. Stiles left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The Chair called for a quick break at 11:10 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

C. Heritage Assistant Report

The members had talked about work done by the heritage assistant earlier in the meeting and noted that the heritage assistant had spent many hours on the photographs.

A. Oral History

i Update - continued

The interview with Donna Butters was played on the screen. It was recommended that in future interviews, the microphone be placed closer to the interviewee for better sound. Staff noted that when the camera with microphone was positioned close to the interviewee, the focused zoomed in and out as the subject moved. The solution would be to have a microphone independent of the camera. Administration plans to store copies of the interview in a variety of mediums.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee members discussed the next meeting date and agreed to reschedule the regular meeting to the second Monday in January which was more suitable than the first Monday.

MOTION 03.12.11 MONTGOMERY THAT

the next meeting of the Heritage Resources Committee be rescheduled to January 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

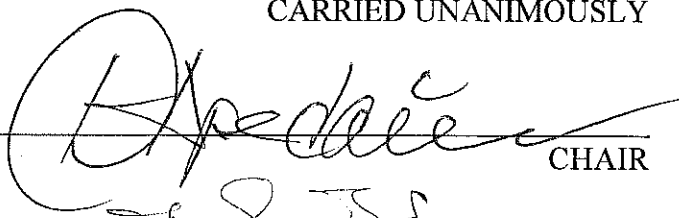
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XI. ADJOURNMENT

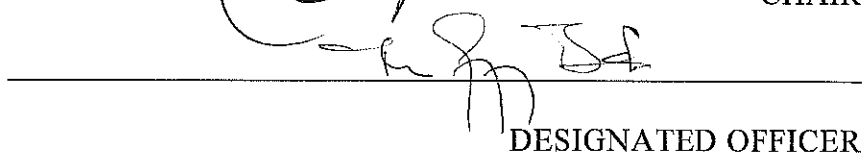
MOTION 04.12.11 DYCK THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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CHAIR



DESIGNATED OFFICER