

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIGHORN NO. 8

HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD JANUARY 10, 2011 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN EXSHAW

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

STAFF: GREG BIRCH ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL MANAGER
ULRIKA GILLESPIE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

REGRETS: BERT DYCK MEMBER (Public)

GUESTS: BOB BUCKLE AND ERYN BUCKLE for portion of meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Apedaile called the meeting to order at 9: 07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman asked the HRC members if there were any additions to the agenda proposed. Lynda Grischkat asked to add an item under Business Arising from the Minutes: IV.F St. Bernard's Church, and that she had some information in regards to the Exshaw cemetery. The Committee members agreed that the cemetery could be discussed under the Tracking Form item. Mr. Birch said the Heritage Collaborative Inc. (HCI), presenting the Heritage Inventory under item V.C at 10:00 a.m., has advised that, because of the bad road conditions, they will be a little late.

MOTION 01.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the agenda with the addition of item IV.F St. Bernard's Church.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The Chairman asked if there were any changes proposed to the December 6, 2010 meeting minutes. There were no changes noted by members or staff.

MOTION 02.01.11 MONTGOMERY THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 Heritage Resources Committee meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. Poster Boards

Mr. Birch said that at the last meeting staff had suggested preparing some promotional poster boards, illustrating the heritage inventory sites, to be used at the Living in the Natural Environment (LNE) event happening on February 4, 2011. He said that the Committee members had decided that they wanted the posters to be part of a promotion plan and not just for LNE. He said that the Committee had also wanted to include information about the Committee and its activities. He said that staff are proposing five or six poster boards. One or two would describe the Committee and its activities and the rest would illustrate the heritage inventory sites with a brief description of each. The Chair expressed concern about providing this many boards without an agreed upon format. Mr. Birch then suggested two or three boards, one with information about the committee and the other one or two with photos from the inventory. Alternatively, staff could hold off from doing this.

Ms. Grischkat said she like the idea of illustrating the inventory sites on the boards and would like it if something could be prepared for LNE. Chairman Apedaile said that they needed to increase heritage promotion and to get the conversation about heritage going, but said he would like to see a standard structure and that this could be a pilot project. He did not want to spend a lot of money on it yet, and said that the posters could be displayed in other places.

Councillor Montgomery also cautioned about rushing into this and asked if the history was all physical. Chairman Apedaile then explained that they were physical sites and at previous meetings, this had led to discussions on the need to collect stories from people as well. For Councillor Montgomery's benefit, he explained how the previous Committee had discussed collecting oral histories and small items such as photographs, and this had led to the need to have a gift agreement form and also to start to think about how to store items. The Committee briefly talked about other municipalities collecting oral histories and who in the MD should be telling their stories.

The Committee then discussed what should be include on the posters boards and agreed that they needed to look professionally done and be used at the LNE. They agreed on the two or three board option discussed earlier. They also discussed having available an information sheet or brochure that interested people could take away with them. They agreed on the information sheet and that the text should be circulated to members for comment before finalization.

MOTION 03.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee authorize the preparation of an information sheet about the Heritage Resources Committee and the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program, and one or two poster boards illustrating the inventory for use at the Living in the Natural Environment forum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. New Committee Member

Mr. Birch said that the Committee members had talked about the possibility of adding another member to the Committee at their last meeting, and had said they wanted to discuss

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it further at this meeting. Chairman Apedaile said that he had not been able to speak with others about this issue. Councillor Montgomery said that she had asked the other Councillors about it and asked Mr. Birch to summarize for the members what had occurred at the organizational meeting in October. Mr. Birch said that the number of Councillors on the Committee had been reduced to one from three, and there were only three applications from the public to sit on the Committee. This resulted in there being the four member Committee, although the bylaw that established the Committee allowed five to seven members.

The Committee members agreed that the Committee would function better with one more member. Chairman Apedaile said another member would add to the discussion. Lynda Grischkat said that they should consider the future too suggesting if there were so few people interested for this year, how could they ensure continuity? Councillor Montgomery said she felt the Committee would function better with an additional member, noting that with one member absent today it only left three of them.

Chairman Apedaile asked Mr. Birch to clarify if the Committee needed to ask Council if another member could be added or, because the existing bylaw allows for five to seven members, if they could go ahead and add a member. Mr. Birch said that Council makes all committee member decisions. Mr. Apedaile questioned this, given the existing bylaw proviso of five to seven members. Mr. Birch said he would speak with the MD's CAO, Mr. Buckley, to clarify the issue and would email the Committee members.

C. Public Communications Protocol

Mr. Birch said that the HRC had wanted a communication policy and that a draft policy had been presented at the December meeting. He said he had revised the policy following comments made at the last meeting and, if the members were satisfied, that the HRC should send it to Council for their approval. The Committee had no further comments about the policy.

MOTION 04.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee ask Council to adopt the public communications protocol as a Municipal District policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Book Purchase "The History of Canmore" Rob Alexander

Mr. Birch said that Ulrika Gillespie had purchased "The History of Canmore" by Rob Alexander and asked how the Committee would like the book to be handled. Mr. Birch provided three options: give it to the public Bighorn Library; put it in the MD of Bighorn resource library; or have it in the public Bighorn Library with some kind of arrangement for permanent access and recognizing ownership by the MD so that the library could not dispose of it.

Lynda Grischkat asked if the Committee had a copy of the Lafarge "Exshaw Cement Plant 100 Years" in the collection and Mr. Birch answered no. Ms. Grischkat offered to obtain a copy.

The Committee discussed the new book and agreed that it should be kept in good condition as part of a collection. Chairman Apedaile suggested having it stamped "purchased by the Heritage Resources Committee". The Committee agreed to have Rob Alexander sign the new book and Exshaw Heart of the Valley which he co-authored with Dene Cooper. They also agreed that if anyone wanted to read the new book, they should borrow one from the library or purchase one. Mr. Birch said that staff would bring back to the Committee suggestions on where it should be physically stored along with "Exshaw Heart of the Valley" by Dene Cooper and Rob Alexander, and "More Big Hill Country" from the Cochrane Historical and Preservation Society.

E. Chinook Country Historical Society

Ms. Gillespie said that the HRC has discussed conducting oral histories and Rose Reid, the previous heritage assistant, had been in contact with the Chinook Country Historical Society (CCHS) in that regard. Ms. Gillespie said that at the December meeting she had indicated that she would find out about the CCHS. She said the brochure in the agenda package has information about the CCHS. It was noted that the CCHS is a chapter of the Alberta Historical Society established in 1907, by an act of the Alberta Legislature, to encourage the study and preservation of Canadian and Alberta History. The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to be a member of the CCHS as the Society would have resources and knowledge, and that membership includes a subscription to the Alberta History magazine.

MOTION 05.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

administration apply for MD of Bighorn membership with the Chinook Country Historical Society on behalf of the Heritage Resources Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. St. Bernard's Catholic Church

Lynda Grischkat said that she had some new information on the church. She said while the newer portion is still likely to be moved to Canmore, that there is a new group showing interest in saving the 1907 portion of the church and that the group has been in contact with Christ The Redeemer Catholic Schools.

Mr. Birch provided some background information for Councillor Montgomery, saying that the church building is owned by Christ The Redeemer Catholic Schools but is on Crown land leased by Lafarge. He said that there had been some interest in saving the 1907 portion of the church, and that while Council would support a group it would not take the project on. He said an inspection on the Church had been done and it would take a lot of work to restore it but that it is feasible. He said any project to save the church would have to include moving the building off Crown land. He also said that the building should be used if the project was to be successful, and the community had indicated that they wanted a church. Finally, he said it is possible to add on to the church enabling other uses.

Lynda Grischkat asked if it was on the inventory and Chairman Apedaile said that if it is not it could be added because the Statement of Significance had been drafted.

Chairman Apedaile called for a short break at 10:35 a.m.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Birch asked the Chairman if the Committee would like to meet the new heritage assistant, Deb Grady, since she was in the office. The Committee said yes and Mr. Birch went to ask Ms. Grady if she could join them in the meeting for a moment. Mr. Birch returned with Ms. Grady and introductions were made. He asked if she would be able to talk about the work she has done even though this was without notice. Ms. Grady said she could do that and said that she had worked on collecting information about the Exshaw cemetery and that information was different depending on its source. She had contacted Lafarge for information and that might clarify the record. She said she had been doing background reading from HRC meeting minutes and agenda packages, and she had met with Ms. Reid. She said she was waiting to hear back from the CCHS about oral histories as well.

Chairman Apedaile thanked her and said he was keen to get the oral history project going.

There was a brief discussion about the cemetery and Lynda Grischkat said that Joel Taguchi from Lafarge has been in touch with Sustainable Resource Development to arrange discussing obligations around the cemetery. She also said that there are graves outside of the fenced portion of the cemetery, and Ms Grady said she was aware of those graves.

Mr. Birch added that the cemetery is on Crown land and that at the end of the Lafarge lease the land should be reclaimed but that would not make sense for a cemetery. Also, the Cemetery Act says the landowner is responsible for the care of the cemetery. He said staff had met with representatives from various provincial departments and that they were generally willing to play a role with recognition of the heritages sites on Crown land.

Ms. Grady asked if the Committee had a list of people they would suggest for the oral histories. The Committee said not at this time but it could be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. Heritage Inventory Presentation by HCI

The Committee agreed to move to item V.C, Heritage Inventory Presentation HCI, as Bob Buckle and Eryn Buckle from HCI had arrived. Chairman Apedaile made introductions and noted to HCI that the Committee had fewer members than the previous Committee that they were familiar with.

Ms. Buckle briefly described that the Inventory includes an acknowledgment, a final report, a context paper and the statement of significance for the 20 sites followed by their municipal heritage survey review form.

Mr. Birch then said that late on Friday, staff had received an email from owners of the Kananaskis Settlement site. He clarified that Kananaskis Settlement is the cluster of grey stucco houses on the 1A Highway just east of Exshaw. He said it is a company settlement on private land. He said that the request was that the property be removed from the inventory.

Bob Buckle briefly described the heritage resources process saying Bighorn had surveyed 100 sites and then had selected 21 to be on the inventory and that more could be added in the future. He said in the inventory, Statements of Significance (SOS) are prepared for each site and this documentation makes it easier for someone to designate their property, if they decide to, because the SOS is required documentation in the designation process.

Mr. Birch said the Committee should decide if they want to recommend the Heritage Inventory to Council for them to adopt it officially in February. The Committee discussed whether or not the current document, which was printed before receiving Graymont's request for removal, should be recommended to Council with the removal request attached or should an updated copy be recommended. They did not decide the matter at this point.

Eryn Buckle then went through the sections in Inventory in more detail and Chairman Apedaile asked Mr. Buckle to remind the Committee why in the SOS's the first sentence is repeated at the beginning of each paragraph. Mr. Buckle replied that it is a provincial requirement that a summary of the values be captured in the first paragraph and that he understands that it sounds awkward. Chairman Apedaile suggested that the value summary could be put in a separate box to make it appear less repetitious.

Lynda Grischkat asked what the "may require interventions..." meant and Mr. Buckle explained that there would have to be a conversation with a conservation officer to determine whether the building, in its current condition, would be eligible or not to be listed on the Alberta Register of Historic Places. The issue would typically be the result of a building having non-original elements, such as vinyl siding, added at some point in the building's more recent history.

Chairman Apedaile asked if the designation process is outlined in the Inventory and that process would need to be made clear for the public. Mr. Buckle replied that the designation information is normally set out in the management plan. He said the management plan lays out the process and the policies for dealing with historic properties, and the management plan should be integrated with other municipal plans.

The Committee then discussed the removal of the Kananaskis Settlement from the inventory and noted that it has been surveyed and the SOS was in early draft versions of the inventory. Chairman Apedaile was concerned that the information about it would be lost and Mr. Birch said that a copy of the SOS could be put in the MD's land file which is generally never destroyed.

Mr. Buckle said that when Council adopts the Heritage Inventory, it is an understanding that these sites are ready for designation if the landowner chooses. There was a discussion on landowner permission to be on the Inventory and that it is not required, but that the Committee wants to respect landowner wishes. Chairman Apedaile said that he would like staff to make an attempt to convince the landowner that the Kananaskis Settlement site stay on the Inventory as it does not restrict them in anyway. He noted that timing was an issue if the Committee wanted to recommend the inventory to Council in February.

MOTION 06.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

staff approach the owner of the Kananaskis Settlement site and attempt to satisfy the owner's concerns or seek a similar, compromise to keep the property on the Inventory, and that this be done by January 24, 2011 so that the Inventory could be presented to Council in February.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 07.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

the draft Heritage Resources Inventory by Heritage Collaborative Inc. be presented to the MD of Bighorn Council for acceptance as the MD's Inventory with, if required, the exclusion of Kananaskis Settlement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Buckle said that they would like to discuss the Motherwell property. He said that after receiving the HRC's comments from the last meeting, in regards to the draft SOS, he said he wanted to clarify the values with the Committee and that there seemed to be a range of values. He said the structure may not be architecturally significant but that it is not uncommon in municipal designations. He said the view of HCI is that the value is the person but that the Committee seemed to value the reservoir and the river and landscape. He suggested that the Motherwell property be recognized primarily for its ownership, and that the reservoir be treated as a separate historic landscape.

Mr. Birch said it was the landowner who was interested in having the site surveyed and on the Inventory and that his family is interested in the cabin's history. Chairman Apedaile asked if there is a risk if the MD designates the cabin and it is ultimately designated but is then flooded, and Mr. Buckle replied no, he thought not.

Ms. Grischkat read from the previous month's minutes that the Committee had wanted to bring the reservoir into the Motherwell Cabin SOS. The Committee discussed this and agreed that a separate survey should be done for the reservoir and not to have it in the Motherwell SOS as it may make the Motherwell SOS confusing. They agreed to have the reservoir surveyed as an important cultural landscape at some time in the future, and also not to add the Motherwell cabin to the Inventory at this time.

The Chairman thanked Eryn Buckle and Bob Buckle for the presentation and they left the meeting at 1:25 p. m.

Councillor Montgomery said she is not able to attend February's meeting.

The Chairman noted that the time was near 1:30 p.m., they had not had lunch, and some members would have to leave shortly. Mr. Birch suggested that the Committee table the items on the agenda that they had not yet considered. Chairman Apedaile said that he would like Councillor Montgomery to be present when the gift agreement form is discussed and to give it proper consideration so to wait until the March meeting to discuss it.

MOTION 08.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee table items: V.A Tracking Form, V.D Heritage Gift Agreement Form, and VI.A Promotion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

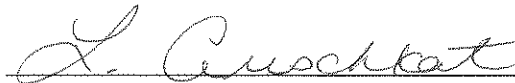
The Committee confirmed the next meeting date as February 7, 2011 at the Municipal Office in Exshaw.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT


MOTION 09.01.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



CHAIR



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