

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIGHORN NO. 8

HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD APRIL 4, 2011 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN EXSHAW

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

STAFF: GREG BIRCH ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL MANAGER
ULRIKA GILLESPIE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Apedaile called the meeting to order at 9: 05 a.m. Mr. Birch said that because Mr. Apedaile is proposing to attend the meeting via telephone, the Committee should decide if that is acceptable or not. If it is, Mr. Birch suggested that the Committee should then appoint an acting Chair from the members in the room. The Committee members present agreed that it was acceptable for Mr. Apedaile to participate in the meeting via telephone and all of the members agreed that Bert Dyck act as Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes were proposed to the agenda by the Heritage Resources Committee members or staff.

MOTION 01.04.11 MONTGOMERY THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the agenda as presented.

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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The Chairman Dyck asked if there were any changes proposed to the March 7, 2011 meeting minutes. There was a short discussion around item IV.A, the recommendation to Council to appoint a fifth member to the HRC. Ultimately it was decided that, no changes were necessary to the draft minutes in this regard or any other items.

MOTION 02.04.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

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

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IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. Committee Membership

Mr. Birch said that the HRC's recommendation to appoint a fifth member is being brought to Council at its April meeting. There was a discussion around having alternates for the HRC meetings.

MOTION 03.04.11 APEDAILE THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee recommend to Council that Council appoint an alternate for the Heritage Resources Committee, and that the Heritage Resources Committee recommends that Mr. Paul Clark be the alternate to serve the remainder of the 2010 – 2011 Committee term.

The Committee then discussed the motion. Councillor Montgomery said that the Committee has wanted an additional member for a few months now and that recommending an alternate too at this point might be clouding the issue. She preferred keeping things simple and only recommend that Council add a fifth member. Lynda Grischkat agreed with Councillor Montgomery.

Dennis Apedaile withdrew his motion.

B. Questions for Oral History Project

Mr. Birch said that the idea here is to keep moving forward with the oral history project and at the March meeting the heritage assistant had provided examples of questions to be used in interviews. He said staff had modified the short interview sample and asked the members if it was acceptable to them.

The Committee suggested a few minor changes to the proposed list and that the long version to be available to the interviewer to select questions from.

MOTION 03.04.11 APEDAILE THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee adopt the proposed list of questions prepared by staff to be used as the interview guide, with the long version available for more extended interviews.

C. Gift Agreement Form

Mr. Birch said that the Gift Agreement form is being brought to Council at its April meeting as an information item so Council is aware of the form and knows what the HRC has been doing.

Lynda Grischkat asked if a form had been filled out for the church gates donated to the MD by Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools. She said that we should get the gates on a form. Mr. Birch said the donation was not on a form but that the school district decision to allow the MD to remove the gates and use them elsewhere in Exshaw was in writing.

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D. Grant Information – Oral Histories

Mr. Birch said that Council has not put any money toward an oral history project in the 2011 budget year, and that some funding would be necessary as most grants are matching. He said the HRC would need to go to Council with a formal plan when it decides that it is ready to pursue an oral history project, and Council would have to authorize the HRC to apply for any grants. The Committee agreed that they were not at that point yet in the process.

Lynda Grischkat noted that a requirement for a grant from The Calgary Foundation was proof of active status as a registered charity and wondered if the MD would qualify. Mr. Birch said that charitable status was done through the federal government and involved a vigorous process that the MD had decided not to undertake to date, but that staff could check into that grant. Lynda Grischkat noted that there is funding available with Alberta Culture and Community Spirit for select cemeteries as well as for oral history projects.

E. New Ownership Inventory Property

Mr. Birch said that awhile ago, the question had been asked: what if the new owner of a property that was listed on the inventory did not want the property to be on the inventory? He said that staff had asked Matthew Francis from Alberta Culture and Community Spirit to see if there was experience with this elsewhere. Mr. Francis had said there was not, but that being on the inventory was not an issue and had no legal bearing on the property at all. He saw it more as an educational opportunity with the new owner.

Mr. Birch clarified that being on the inventory does not mean that there is a caveat registered on the property title. He said, however, if the building was designated as a municipal heritage resource, that would be registered on the property title.

Lynda Grischkat said that a property had already been removed from the draft inventory at the request of the owner and that the MD could do it again if asked by a property owner, and added that she hoped that there would be no request to do so.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tracking Form

Mr. Birch said that Ms. Gillespie had started to put together a binder for Tracking Item 3, MD Materials of Significance Identification and Preservation, which had been on the tracking form since the start. He listed the newspaper articles that had been photocopied for 2010 that were about significant municipal happenings and would serve as a quick reminder of what happened in 2010. The HRC members were glad that this was started and added that they would see if they would like anything else included. There was consensus that other boards or committees should have the opportunity to contribute. Lynda Grischkat noted that there was no newspaper article on the construction of the water system in Exshaw and Mr. Birch said that it did not have to be a newspaper article and that staff would add something.

Mr. Apedaile asked about item 12 “Reddy Kilo Watt” from the floor of the apartment building that once existed in Seebe. Mr. Birch explained that piece of floor with the symbol had been salvaged from the apartment and was in storage. He said that TransAlta

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had donated it to the MD and was doing some restoration work on it to use it as part of their 100 year anniversary celebration. Lynda Grischkat suggested getting the donation of the piece of flooring on a donation form.

It was noted that some of the items on the form did not have a ranking and Mr. Birch said that in the future when the HRC is looking at setting priorities, this could be done. (they don't have ranking because they were added after the initial ranking/vision session)

It was noted that the inventory is complete and the HRC members agreed that they would like a copy of the finished product and that Council members should have a copy too. Mr. Birch said that staff will request 15 copies from the consultant.

B. Heritage Assistant Report

There were no questions in regards to the report provided in the agenda. Mr. Birch said that he is very happy with the work the Heritage Assistant, Deb Grady, has been doing and the HRC members agreed that she was doing an excellent job.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Promotion

Lynda Grischkat said that the HRC had already decided that it wanted to launch a heritage page on the MD's website for Heritage Day that would have the inventory and information from the poster boards. She said that she likes the calendar idea too. The HRC discussed this briefly and agreed that the property owners should be made aware that the MD wants to promote heritage that may include images and information about their property. Mr. Birch said that administration also wanted to promote heritage in the MD's newsletter or Community Bulletin. He agreed that the MD needed to contact the property owners to make sure it was okay with them if their property was used in promoting heritage. He added that staff would ensure that no personal information was displayed. Lynda Grischkat said to use the information displayed on the poster boards that were recently developed.

B. Book Collection

Mr. Birch said that the HRC has discussed how it wants to handle books they purchase. Mr. Apedaile said that the Committee had thought the books should be treated like artifacts. He said making books available for reading was the role of libraries. He said he had received some feedback from a ratepayer who had read the draft minutes from the February meeting in regards to the book collection. He said that person thought that the books should be available for reading by the public or a second book made available for the public. The members discussed this and agreed that they were not of the same opinion as the ratepayer and wanted to make sure the books were kept in good condition and not loaned out.

C. Stockman's Memorial Foundation

Mr. Birch said that he had recently been at the Stockman's Memorial Foundation museum in Cochrane and had asked the curator if they loan out books in their collection. He said the curator was very protective and said "no way".

Mr. Birch said that the Stockman's Memorial Foundation has a collection of oral histories, a book collection, museum pieces, saddles, boots, etc. He asked the committee to consider

going there for a field trip, perhaps hold a meeting there, and be able to talk to the curator. The HRC briefly discussed this and also visiting the Canmore Museum. They agreed that they should find out what Bighorn's experienced neighbours to the east and west are doing. Mr. Birch said that staff would look into opportunities for field trips and meetings.

VIII. EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Historical Society of Alberta (HSA)

Ms. Gillespie passed around the bundle of publications received from the HAS. The HRC members made positive comments and hoped that in the future, someone from the Committee could attend HSA events.

B. RETROActive – Alberta Culture and Community Spirit

Mr. Birch said this information had been received from Brenda Manweiler from Alberta Culture and Community Spirit, who the members had met before. He said it is a blog of their activities and this item was about using QR codes to get more information. He invited the HRC members to explore the blog online.

Chairman Dyck asked the members if there was anything else to discuss. Mr. Birch said as quick update on the funding for the management plan, that the application has been sent away. He said it will be decided upon in May and Ms. Gillespie said that we will likely know about any decision in June. Mr. Birch said we will need to start thinking about hiring a consultant to prepare the management plan.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

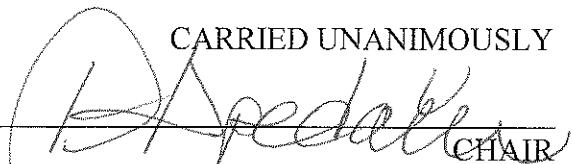
The next meeting was confirmed as May 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Municipal Office in Exshaw.

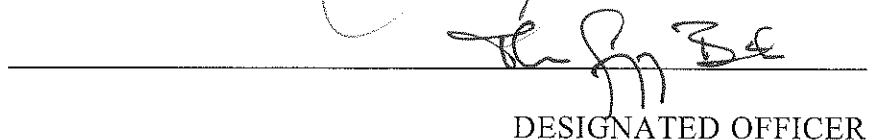
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 04.03.11 GRISCHKAT THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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