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August 15, 2014

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Dear Committee Members:

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Please take note of the following meeting of the above-noted Committee:

**DATE: Wednesday, September 3, 2014**

**TIME: 11:30 a.m.**

**PLACE: Committee Room "E", Ground Floor, South Wing, City Hall**

A copy of the agenda is attached.

Please notify the City Clerk's Office in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend.

Yours truly,

**Elaine Long, Committee Secretary**  
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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**Attachment**

- cc: Director of Recreation & Sport, Community Services Department
- Director of Community Development, Community Services Department
- Urban Design Manager, Neighbourhood Planning, Community Services Department
- Heritage and Design Coordinator, Planning and Development, Community Services Department
- Senior Planner II, Development Review Section, Community Services Department
- Director of Planning and Development, Community Services Department
- Director of Communications
- City Manager
- City Solicitor

**Quorum Requirements: 9 members**

**The date of the next meeting is October 1, 2014.**

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## A G E N D A

(OPEN TO PUBLIC)

### MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 AT 11:30 A.M., COMMITTEE ROOM "E",  
GROUND FLOOR, SOUTH WING, CITY HALL

1. Minutes - of meeting held on June 4, 2014.
  
2. Introduction of New Members  
(File No. CK. 225-18)
  
3. Report of the Chair  
(File No. CK. 225-18)
  
4. Report of the Heritage Coordinator  
(File No. CK. 225-18)
  
5. Goals and Objectives  
(File No. CK. 225-18)

Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on June 4, 2014, regarding the above. The Committee resolved that Maggie Schwab and Carla Duval-Tyler provide draft goals and objectives for the Committee's review at the September meeting.

Attached is the draft document for review.

6. Task Group Membership  
(File No. CK. 225-18)

Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on June 4, 2014, regarding the above. The Committee resolved that the matter of task group membership be placed on the September agenda for further discussion and review.

7. Statement of Expenditures  
(File No. CK. 225-18)

Attached is a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's Review.

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8. Application for Funding Under the Heritage Conservation Program  
City Gardener's Site, Victoria Park – 810 Spadina Crescent West  
(File No. CK. 710-19)
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For the Committee's information, attached is a copy of Clause 4, Report No. 10-2014 of the Planning and Operations Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on June 23, 2014.

9. Civic Heritage Policy – Companion Document  
(File No. CK. 710-1)
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For the Committee's information, attached is a copy of Clause 13, Report No. 10-2014 of the Planning and Operations Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on June 23, 2014.

A copy of the City of Saskatoon Heritage Plan can be viewed on the City of Saskatoon's website at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) by clicking "R" for Reports to Council.

10. Articles for Newspaper  
(File No. CK. 710-1)
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Attached are copies of two articles written by Lucas Richert which were published in the June 9, and August 4, 2014 issues of the Saskatoon Express.

11. Membership Renewal – 2014-2015  
Heritage Canada National Trust  
(File No. Ck. 225-18)
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Attached, for the Committee's information, is a membership renewal form from Heritage Canada National Trust in the amount of \$42.00. The renewal has been processed for payment.

12. Publications  
(File No. CK. 225-18)

- a) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter – June 9, 2014 (sent by email dated June 10, 2014);

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- b) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter – June 23, 2014 (sent by email dated June 24, 2014);
  - c) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter- July 8, 2014 (sent by email dated July 9, 2014);
  - d) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter – July 21, 2014 (sent by email dated August 5, 2014);
  - e) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter – August 5, 2014 (sent by email dated August 5, 2014);
  - f) Heritage – The Magazine of Heritage Canada the National Trust – Volume XVII, No. 2 (copy available for review at the meeting)
  - g) Planning + Design Magazine – City of Saskatoon Planning & Development – Spring/Summer 2014 (copy attached);
  - h) Worth – Saskatchewan’s Architectural Heritage Magazine – Summer 2014 (copy attached).
13. Other Business  
(File No. CK. 225-18)

This is a new standing item on the agenda to give Committee members an opportunity to share information on heritage events or what they are involved with within their workplaces.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (Open to the Public) held on June 4, 2014:

6. 2013 Goals and Objectives  
(File No. CK. 225-18)

The Committee Assistant submitted an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on May 7, 2014, regarding the above, along with attachments referred to therein.

The Committee discussed including an "action items" list on future agendas. Senior Planner Kotasek-Toth indicated she could provide this for the next agenda, and advised if the Committee wished to undertake a project it is within the mandate.

Bob McPherson excused himself from the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Maggie Schwab and Carla Duval-Tyler volunteered to draft goals and objectives for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

Discussion followed regarding marketing the Heritage Plan as one of the goals to focus on. Senior Planner Kotasek-Toth advised that the drafts of the marketing brochures should be ready for the September meeting.

RESOLVED: that Maggie Schwab and Carla Duval-Tyler provide draft goals and objectives for the Committee's review at the September meeting.

## **Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee 2015 Goals and Objectives**

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) has been working for some time to establish a new series of goals and objectives. The Committee, with the support of the City of Saskatoon, recently had a new Heritage Policy and Program Review and associated Heritage Plan completed, which has set the stage for a new and refined series of goals and objectives.

**The 2015 Goals and Objectives are stated below:**

*Goal 1. To continue with the promotion of Heritage in the City of Saskatoon.*

Objective 1.1 To continue to support and help with the designation of Municipal Heritage Properties and areas of cultural significance in the City of Saskatoon.

Objective 1.2 To continue with the publication of heritage articles in the Saskatoon Express.

Objective 1.3 To engage citizens in Saskatoon to participate in Heritage-related events, including Doors Open, the Saskatoon Heritage Fair, and the Heritage Awards.

Objective 1.4 To continue with the bi-annual Heritage Awards, as overseen by the Heritage Awards sub-committee.

Objective 1.5 To pursue any opportunity to work with Dr. Keith Carlson, Program Coordinator, Cultural Mapping Class at the University of Saskatchewan work with in an effort to help undertake cultural mapping throughout some neighbourhoods in Saskatoon.

*Goal 2. To continue to work with the City and Administration in the implementation of the new Heritage Program and Policy Review and associated Heritage Plan.*

Objective 2.1 To work with City Administration in any and all aspects (including implementation) associated with the new Heritage Program and Policy Review and Heritage Plan. This may include providing feedback on a monthly basis in terms of the oversight of action items, as outlined in both documents.

Objective 2.2 To pursue the option of being able to bring heritage matters forward to City Council/ P&O, as suggested in the Heritage Policy and Program Review and Heritage Plan

*Goal 3. To engage the community at large and help educate citizens about the new Heritage Program and Policy Review and Heritage Plan.*

Objective 3.1 To provide feedback to the City regarding the new website, as it pertains to heritage, with particular reference paid to the heritage programs available to home owners and businesses alike.

Objective 3.2 To support and promote the rollout of the Registry of Historic Places.

Objective 3.3 To educate citizens and inform them of the heritage programs available to home owners through marketing material, as well as during community outreach programs (e.g. Doors Open, Saskatoon Heritage Fair).

Objective 3.4 To promote the new heritage programs available to business owners, through marketing material (e.g. brochures), the new Heritage Plan, as well as through the rollout of the new website.

*Goal 4. To provide the City of Saskatoon with support as it pertains to planning documents that address heritage matters.*

Objective 4.1 To provide feedback to all planning documents including Local Area Plans (LAPs), Official Community Plans, Culture Plans, Strategic Plans, and other documents, including plan amendments, to help ensure that these documents are consistent in their approach to heritage matters.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (Open to the Public) held on June 4, 2014:

7. Task Group Membership  
(File No. CK. 225-18)

The Committee Assistant submitted an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on May 7, 2014, regarding the above.

Discussion followed with regard to waiting to form new Task Groups until the September meeting once the goals and objectives have been established.

It was suggested to meet with the planning student both prior to drafting the marketing brochures to go with the Heritage Plan, and again later in August when the drafts are ready. Charlie Clark, Don Greer, Maggie Schwab, and Carla Duval-Tyler volunteered to meet with the student in this regard.

- RESOLVED:
- 1) that Charlie Clark, Don Greer, Maggie Schwab, and Carla Duval-Tyler meet with the planning student with respect to drafting of the marketing brochures; and
  - 2) that the matter of task group membership be placed on the September agenda for further discussion and review.

			Committee			
			Expenses			
DATE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	G/L
January		Opening Balance			17,900.00	
13-Jan	R525860	Lucas Richert-Saskatoon Express Newspaper Article	150.00		17,750.00	x
10-Jan	APV343624	Heritage Festival of Saskatoon-Registration Fee	50.00		17,700.00	x
20-Jan	R525867	Saskatoon Heritage Society - Membership Renewal	30.00		17,670.00	x
17-Jan	ID136661	Scanned Library Images for Heritage Festival	72.00		17,598.00	x
20-Jan	R525866	Heritage Saskatchewan - Membership Renewal	50.00		17,548.00	x
28-Feb	ID142138	JAN Copy Charges	24.30		17,523.70	x
06-Mar	R528556	Saskatoon Jazz Society-Heritage Awards Rental	446.25	21.25	17,098.70	x
06-Mar	R528554	J&S Picture Frame Wholesale-Heritage Awards Prints	2,222.68	101.04	14,977.06	x
13-Mar	R528516	Lucas Richert-Saskatoon Express Newspaper Article	150.00		14,827.06	x
06-Mar	R528555	On Purpose Leadership-Heritage Awards Administrator	2,186.79	95.73	12,736.00	x
20-Mar	R528528	Architectural Heritage Society of Sask - Membership	20.00		12,716.00	x
07-Apr	R528580	Mister Printer - Heritage Awards Program Certificates	121.00	5.50	12,600.50	x
22-Apr	R528588	Lucas Richert-Saskatoon Express Newspaper Article	150.00		12,450.50	x
10-Jun	R532076	Lucas Richert-Saskatoon Express Newspaper Article	300.00		12,150.50	x
06-Aug	R534457	Heritage Canada National Trust-Membership Renewal	42.00	2.00	12,110.50	x
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		Total	5,789.50			

Conferences: \$2,000  
 Education and Research: \$3,700  
 Heritage Awards Program: \$5,700  
 Doors Open Event: \$5,800  
 Heritage Festival: \$500  
 Memberships: \$200

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The following is a copy of **Clause 4, Report No. 10-2014** of the **Planning and Operations Committee**, which was **ADOPTED** by City Council at its meeting held on **June 23, 2014**:

**4. Application for Funding Under the Heritage Conservation Program  
City Gardener's Site, Victoria Park – 810 Spadina Crescent West  
(Files CK. 710-19 and PL. 907-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that funding be approved to a maximum of \$8,000, through the Heritage Conservation Program, for interpretive signage at the City Gardener's Site.

Attached is a memo dated June 6, 2014, from the Secretary, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, advising of the Committee's support of the granting of funding under the Heritage Conservation Program for interpretive signage at the City Gardener's Site, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated May 12, 2014.

Your Committee has reviewed this report and supports the above recommendation.

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## Office of the City Clerk

To: Secretary, Planning and Operations Committee      Date: June 6, 2014  
Phone: (306) 975-3240  
Our File: CK. 710-19

From: Joyce Fast, Committee Assistant      Your File:  
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Application for Funding Under the Heritage Conservation Program  
City Gardener's Site, Victoria Park – 810 Spadina Crescent West

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated May 12, 2014, regarding an application for funding under the Heritage Conservation Program with respect to the City Gardener's Site.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the request for funding, to a maximum of \$8,000, through the Heritage Conservation Program for interpretive signage at the City Gardener's Site.

Would you please place this report before the Planning and Operations Committee for approval of the recommendation contained therein at the meeting scheduled for June 17, 2014.



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Attachment

cc: General Manager, Community Services Department  
Director, Planning & Development Division, Community Services Department  
Heritage & Design Coordinator, Planning & Development Division, Community Services Department  
Senior Planner Kotasek-Toth, Planning & Development Division, Community Services Department  
Ms: Carla Duval-Tyler, Chair, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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Memorandum

**TO:** Secretary, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** General Manager, Community Services Department  
**DATE:** May 12, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Application for Funding Under the Heritage Conservation Program  
City Gardener's Site, Victoria Park - 810 Spadina Crescent West  
**FILE NO.:** PL 907-1

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that this report be forwarded to the Planning and Operations Committee recommending that City Council approve funding, to a maximum of \$8,000, through the Heritage Conservation Program for interpretive signage at the City Gardener's Site.

### **TOPIC AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request funding, under the Heritage Conservation Program, for interpretive signage to be placed at the City Gardener's Site in Victoria Park, located at 810 Spadina Crescent West.

### **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

1. The City Gardener's Site is a designated Municipal Heritage Property and qualifies for financial support under the Heritage Conservation Program.
2. Funding is being requested for interpretive signage to be placed on the site.

### **STRATEGIC GOAL**

This report supports the City of Saskatoon's (City) Strategic Goal of Quality of Life. As a community, we find new and creative ways to showcase our city's built, natural, and cultural heritage.

### **BACKGROUND**

At its January 6, 2014 meeting, City Council designated the City Gardener's Site as a Municipal Heritage Property. The designation applies to a 0.39 hectare portion of Victoria Park at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue H South, as shown on Attachment 1. The heritage significance of this heritage landscape is as follows:

- A. The Old Bone Trail passed through this area. The trail was used to transport bison bones to Saskatoon and provided a route for many of the settlers to the city.
- B. At one time this area had been subdivided and contained houses. The City ensured this area would remain in the public domain by purchasing the land and returning it to park space.

- C. The City gardener resided in a house at this location for many years. Much of the City's park space in Saskatoon can be attributed to the first two City gardeners: A.H. Browne and Leonard Harvey. These two men also oversaw the development of the urban forest and the stewardship of the riverbank.

The Heritage Conservation Program provides funding for Municipal Heritage Properties. This property is considered to be a heritage landscape and the interpretive signage is an important element in recognizing the cultural heritage significance of this site. The Victoria Park Master Plan was updated in 2009 and identified the need for additional programming and interpretation to be completed at the City Gardener's Site. Interpretive elements have been installed on the site and the interpretive signage is the final component of this project.

### REPORT

Three signs are proposed to be installed on the City Gardener's Site and will be similar in design to many others located in the river valley. Each sign will have a specific theme, and together they will tell the story of how this unique place has evolved over time.

Meewasin Valley Authority would lead the design, fabrication, and installation of the signs. The signage is proposed to be installed by September 2014. The exact location of the signs has not been determined.

### OPTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATION

The project qualifies for funding under the Heritage Conservation Program. The only option would be for City Council to deny the funding request.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The project complies with Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020 and the Heritage Conservation Program.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of this project is \$15,000 (three signs at a cost of \$5,000 per sign) with \$8,500 being allocated from the 2114 CY-Victoria Park Program Upgrade. The remaining \$6,500 and a \$1,500 contingency fund is being requested from the Heritage Reserve Fund.

The balance of the Heritage Reserve Fund is \$227,109.06. Funding this project will not impact the ability of the Heritage Reserve Fund to continue funding existing property tax abatements or other previously approved items.

**PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT**

Public and/or stakeholder consultations were not required.

**COMMUNICATION PLAN**

The City and Meewasin will prepare a public service announcement when the signs have been installed.

**DUE DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP AND/OR PROJECT COMPLETION**

Once it is determined that the project is complete, the Administration will process payment.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No environmental and/or greenhouse gas implications have been identified at this time.

**PRIVACY IMPACT**

There are no privacy implications.

**SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)**

A CPTED review is not required.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Public Notice Policy No. C01-021, is not required.

**ATTACHMENT****1. Location Plan**

Written by: Paula Kotasek-Toth, Senior Planner

Reviewed by:

  
for Alan Wallace  
Director of Planning and Development

Approved by:

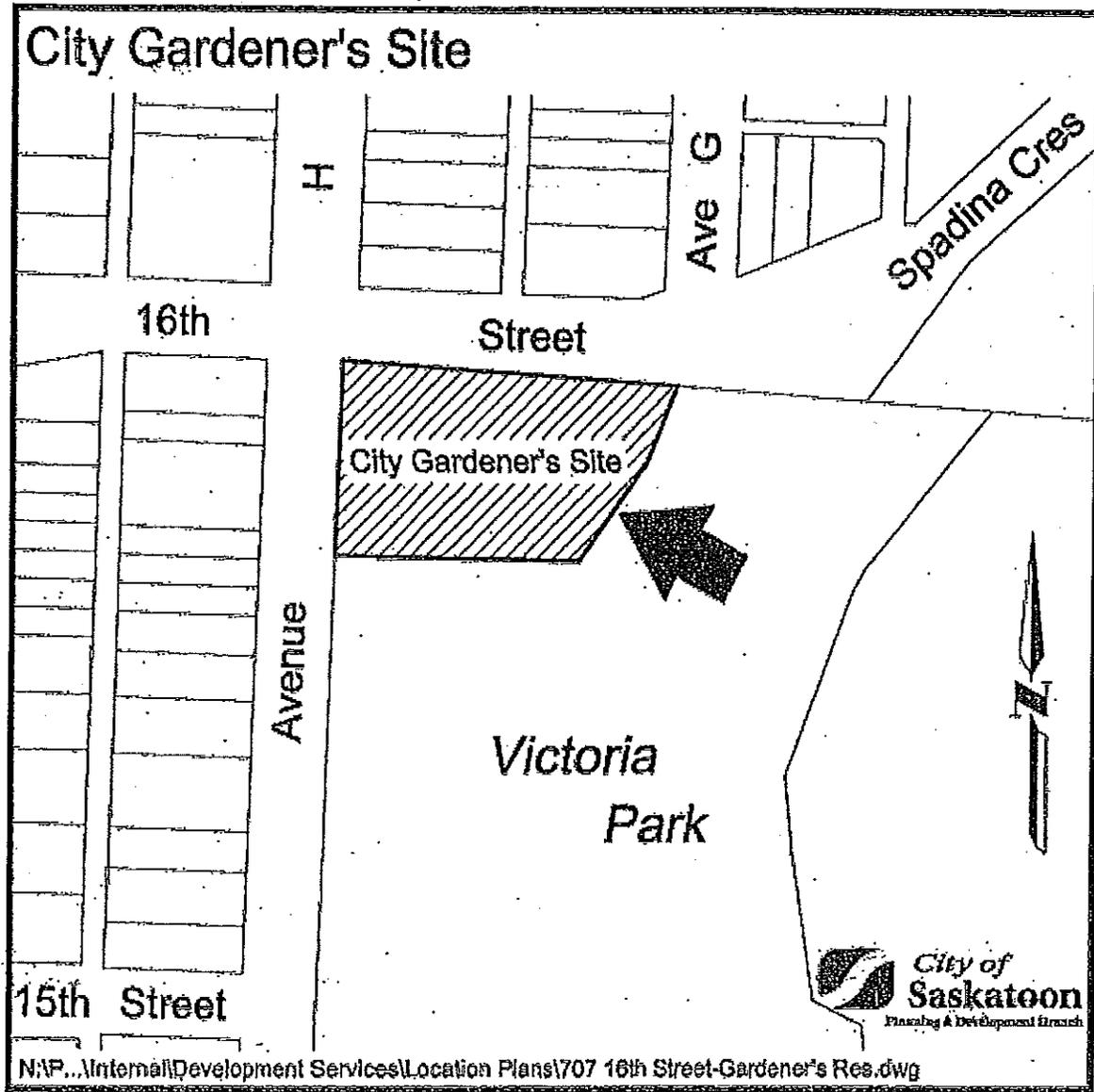
  
Randy Grauer, General Manager  
Community Services Department

Dated: May 21, 2014

cc: Murray Totland, City Manager

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Location Plan



The following is a copy of **Clause 13, Report No. 10-2014** of the **Planning and Operations Committee**, which was **ADOPTED** by City Council at its meeting held on **June 23, 2014**:

**13. Civic Heritage Policy – Companion Document**  
**(Files CK. 710-1 and PL. 710-8)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

Attached is a memo dated June 6, 2014, from the Secretary, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, forwarding a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated April 23, 2014, regarding the Civic Heritage Policy – Companion Document and the Civic Heritage Policy.

Your Committee has reviewed the report and is submitting it to City Council for information.

A copy of the City of Saskatoon Heritage Plan can be viewed on the City of Saskatoon's website at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) by clicking "R" for Reports to Council.

# CITY OF SASKATOON

## Office of the City Clerk

To: Secretary, Planning and Operations Committee      Date: June 6, 2014  
Phone: (306) 975-3240  
Our File: CK. 710-1

From: Joyce Fast, Committee Assistant      Your File:  
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

**Re: Civic Heritage Policy – Companion Document**

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated April 23, 2014, regarding the Civic Heritage Policy – Companion Document.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, along with the attached Heritage Plan which is the companion document to the Civic Heritage Policy, and supports the recommendation that the report be forwarded to the Planning and Operations Committee and City Council for information.

Would you please place this report before the Planning and Operations Committee for approval of the recommendation contained therein at the meeting scheduled for June 17, 2014.



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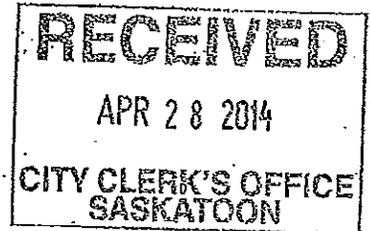
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cc: General Manager, Community Services Department  
Director, Planning & Development Division, Community Services Department  
Manager, Development Review Section, Community Services Department  
Heritage & Design Coordinator, Planning & Development Division, Community Services Department  
Senior Planner Kotasek-Toth; Planning & Development Division, Community Services Department  
Ms. Carla Duval-Tyler, Chair, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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Memorandum

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**TO:** Secretary, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** General Manager, Community Services Department  
**DATE:** April 23, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Civic Heritage Policy – Companion Document  
**FILE NO.:** CK 710-1 and PL 710-8

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Planning and Operations Committee and City Council for information.

### **TOPIC AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the Saskatoon Heritage Plan (Plan). A copy of the Plan is provided in Attachment 1.

### **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

1. The Plan is a companion document to Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020 and links Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020 with implementation actions identified in the Heritage Program and Policy Review (Heritage Review).

### **STRATEGIC GOALS**

This report supports the City of Saskatoon's (City) Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, which states:

"Culture thrives in Saskatoon where diverse traditions, religions, and languages are respected and celebrated. As a community, we find new and creative ways to showcase our city's built, natural, and cultural heritage. Everyone feels a sense of belonging."

The report also supports the City's Strategic Goal of Sustainable Growth by supporting the long-term strategy of preserving the character of heritage buildings and historic landmarks.

### **BACKGROUND**

During its March 5, 2014 meeting, the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) considered a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, recommending approval of revised Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020. During its March 25, 2014 meeting, the Planning and Operations Committee considered the same report of the General Manager, Community Services Department. Both committees resolved:

- "a) that the revised Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020, as outlined in this report and as set out in Attachment 2, including the Heritage Conservation Program Incentives, be approved."

The report also identified that a companion document to the revised Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020 would be developed, which would link the revised policy with implementation actions identified in the Heritage Review.

## REPORT

The Plan is a companion document to the revised Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020. The Plan describes the City's long-term approach to support the preservation of Saskatoon's historic resources by linking Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020 with implementation actions identified in the Heritage Review.

The Plan has been divided into three parts:

- Part 1 outlines the role of the City in heritage conservation highlighting the City's partnerships, the role of the MHAC, and the relationship between the Plan and other City plans, programs, and policies.
- Part 2 links Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020 with implementation actions. Building on the Heritage Review, Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020, and the associated implementation action items, support a Heritage Conservation Program that will protect and interpret Saskatoon's heritage assets into the future.
- Part 3 outlines civic programs related to heritage conservation, including details about how to designate a property and the incentives available for designated properties.

The Plan will be used by the Administration, the MHAC, City Council, and others to implement and provide guidance on Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020.

## OPTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATION

The option exists for City Council to not endorse the Plan as presented. In this case, the Administration would request direction on what changes need to be undertaken.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications identified at this time.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications identified at this time.

## PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

The Heritage Review involved extensive stakeholder involvement, including workshops and individual interviews. On March 8, 2012, a public open house was held to present the draft Heritage Review.

## COMMUNICATION PLAN

The Plan will primarily be available online; however, printed copies will also be available.

To provide consistency and continued recognition, the updated branding for the Heritage Conservation Program presented in the Plan will be used in future print and web-based materials.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental and/or greenhouse gas implications have been identified at this time.

## PRIVACY IMPACT

There are no privacy implications.

## SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

There are no CPTED implications.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

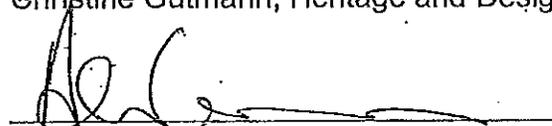
Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Public Notice Policy No. C01-021, is not required.

## ATTACHMENT

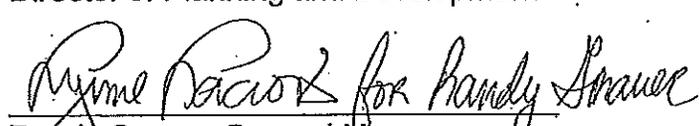
1. City of Saskatoon Heritage Plan

Written by: Christine Gutmann, Heritage and Design Coordinator

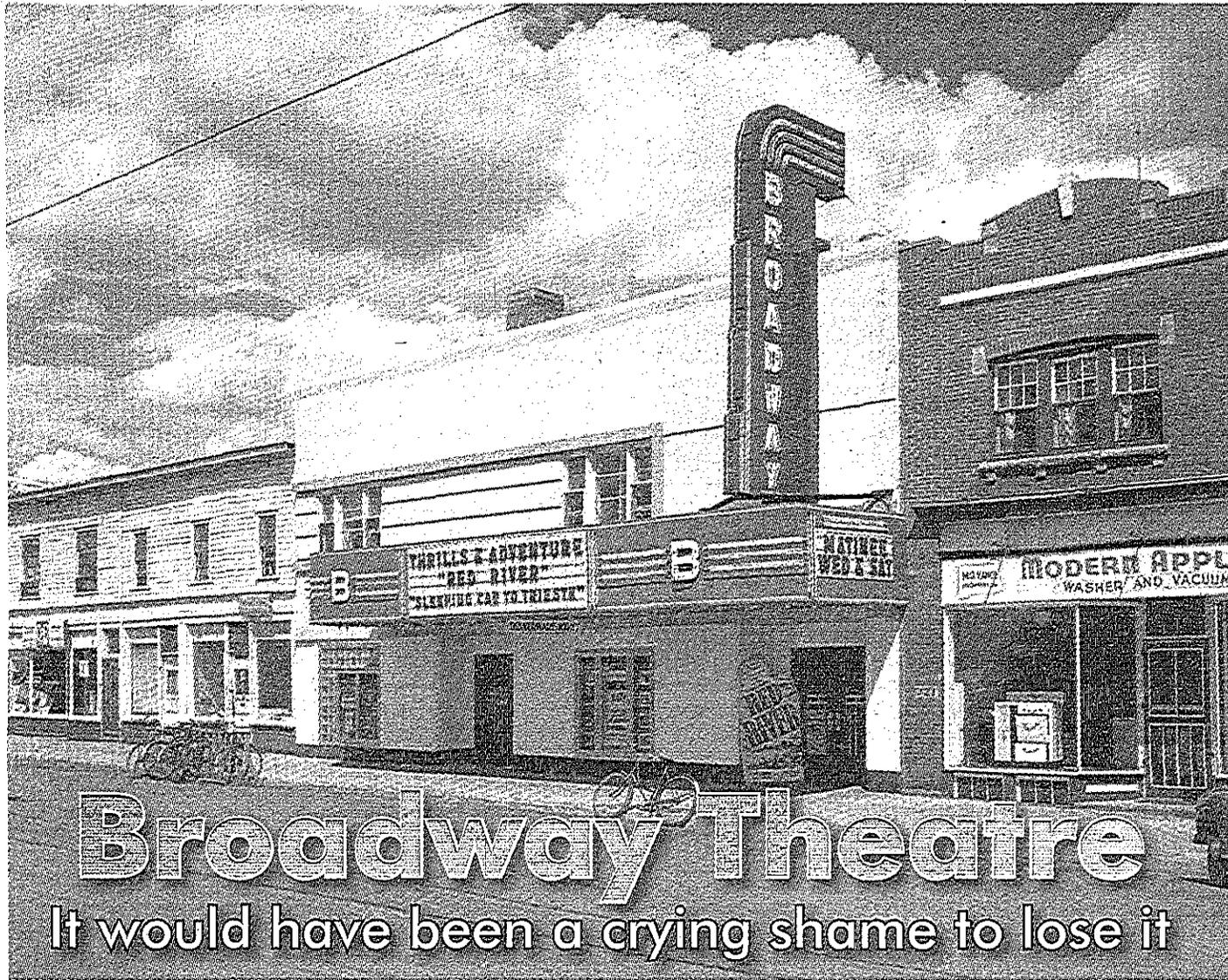
Reviewed by:

  
Alan Wallace  
Director of Planning and Development

Approved by:

  
Randy Grauer, General Manager  
Community Services Department  
Dated: April 24, 2014

cc: Murray Totland, City Manager



# Broadway Theatre

It would have been a crying shame to lose it

Exterior of the Broadway Theatre in 1949 (Saskatoon Public Library: B-2449)

By Lucas Richert

When the Broadway Theatre opened on Dec. 5, 1946, all 700 seats were occupied, and the standing-room area at the back cramped. There was a buzz for the “Opening Gala” event.

Originally called the Nutana Broadway, the theatre was among the first art-deco buildings in Saskatoon, and

boasted one of the largest neon marquees on the prairies. For Saskatonians, it was a welcome spectacle.

Not only did the theatre offer major motion pictures, such as Red River, with John Wayne and Montgomery Clift (as shown), but it also hosted live performances on the stage in front of the screen.

New mothers were offered a specially

designed “crying room,” which had viewing windows and an audio system. And early advertising for the venue boasted of an “electronic dust collector” and state-of-the-art air conditioning.

At a time when large companies dominated theatre ownership, a private theatre owner from Alberta named I.F. Shaker built the Broadway Theatre independently. He hired the Webster and Gil-

bert architectural firm, and the job was assigned to the young George Forrester, who would later become an influential Saskatchewan architect.

Forrester and his associates decided that they would use an Art Moderne style, which had originated in the 1930s and was an offshoot of art-deco architecture.

The Art Moderne style emphasized aerodynamic and curved designs. And it was all there in the Broadway Theatre blueprints. When it was complete, the rounded corners at the recessed front entrance, its asymmetrical façade, horizontal belt courses and streamlined bright sign were relatively fresh for Saskatoon. The final price tag was \$70,000.

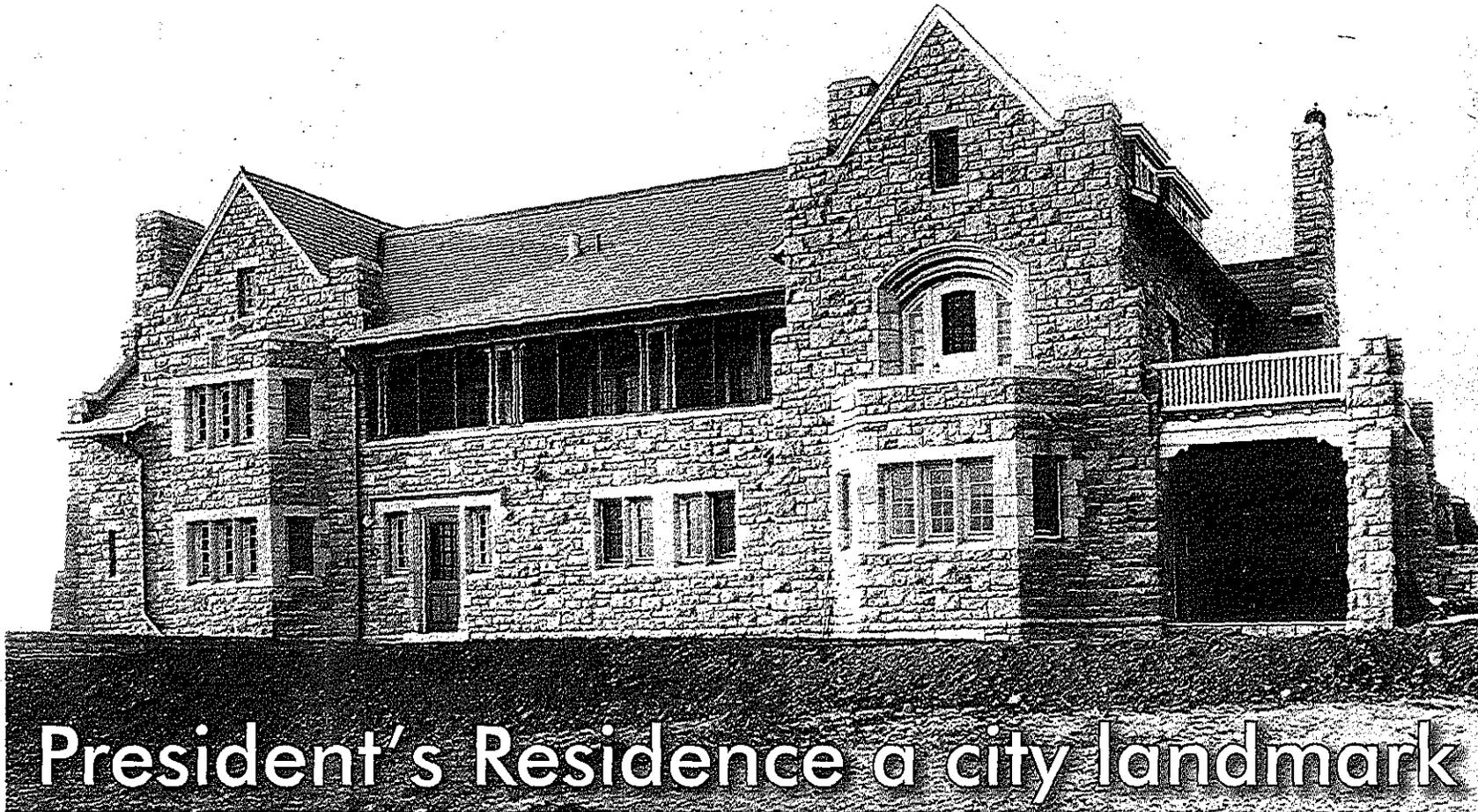
Just as Nutana and Saskatoon have evolved, so has the Broadway Theatre. Over its long history, it has been run by Odeon and Famous Players and then as an X-rated adult movie theatre in the mid-1970s and early 1980s. After that, it mainly hosted live performances, until it started screening movies again in 1987.

In 1993, the building was closed suddenly. One of the options for the building was to renovate it to become, of all things, a paintball facility. Luckily this did not come to pass. After a massive fundraising drive, municipal loans and public support for the building, a non-profit group called Friends of the Broadway Theatre, Inc. was able to purchase it.

Now, the heritage value of the Broadway Theatre is impossible to miss. It is a truly flagship building in Saskatoon. It not only helps define the Broadway district, but Saskatoon in general.

Having gained municipal heritage status in 1997, today the refurbished art cinema is an important venue for film festivals, musical performances and special events.

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## President's Residence a city landmark

More than a century old, the President's Residence is a landmark on the University of Saskatchewan campus. (Saskatoon Public Library History Room LH 1831)

By Lucas Richert

The greystone residence, home of the university's first president, Walter Murray, was completed in 1913. It is considered one of the finest homes in the city. Under construction for three years, it was budgeted to cost \$32,000. The final cost ballooned to \$44,615.

One of the original buildings constructed on campus, the residence was designed by Brown and Vallance, and was built under the direction of A.R. Greig, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

Murray was said to be deeply embarrassed by the cost of what was to be his residence, even though it was also a public building. However, the people of

Saskatoon were proud of the building and the status it gave the university. In an era without Facebook, Twitter and other social media, no public outcry over the cost materialized.

The building was originally planned as a wooden structure. However, a proposal to construct the building out of a local river rock — later known as greystone — was raised, prior to the start of construction, if the government would foot the bill. With the government on board, greystone was chosen.

In 1989, renovations to the residence were completed at a cost of \$96,752. Then, in the summer of 2012, as former president Peter MacKinnon left, more renovations

were undertaken.

Around the same time, it was suggested that the President's Residence be torn down to allow more development along the riverbank. This horrified many in the university and heritage community, including Andrew Wallace.

"I was alarmed," said Wallace, an architect and associate director of space planning in the Facilities Management Division (FMD). "The President's Residence is a heritage building; any reasonable person can see it's a heritage building, and it's probably the best heritage house in Saskatoon. But it has no formal protection."

The answer was to create the U of S Heritage Register, which lists and describes

41 buildings on campus. Basically, it was a way to recognize the significance of some of Saskatoon's most amazing buildings, including the President's Residence.

According to Wallace, the university "has very good examples of all of the major architectural styles of the 20th century, and they all fit together."

Today, the U of S is bustling with activity and new construction abounds. Yet, the President's Residence stands as out as one of the finest heritage buildings in the city, and serves as a pillar of stability in a period of change.

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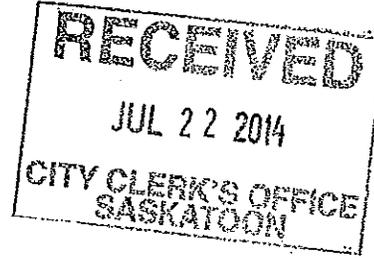


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