

Committee Room "A"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
February 12, 2014
at 11:33 a.m.

MINUTES

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MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Ms. Carla Duval–Tyler, Chair
Ms. Maggie Schwab, Vice-Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Ms. Signa Daum Shanks
Ms. Dorothea Funk
Mr. Peter Kingsmill
Ms. Patti McGillivray
Mr. Robert McPherson
Mr. Lloyd Minion
Mr. Brent Penner
Ms. Lenore Swystun
Mr. Michael Williams
Ms. Darla Wyatt
Senior Planner Kotasek-Toth
Heritage and Design Coordinator Gutmann
Committee Assistant Fast

The Chair welcomed Ms. Patti McGillivray to the Committee. Introductions were held.

1. **Minutes**

Heritage and Design Coordinator Gutmann advised of two errors on the January 8, 2014 minutes.

Item 5a) Third Avenue United Church – notes that a demolition permit has been issued and this is not the case. The property does have a holding bylaw on it, and should the owner apply for a demolition permit, the Administration would be advised and would have 60 days to deal with the issue.

Item 6) Heritage Policy and Program Review – last paragraph indicates that a detailed implementation plan would be submitted in March. The March report was for the companion document only. The implementation plan will be dealt with in the report dealing with the updated policy and creation of the registry.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved as amended.

2. Report of the Chair
(File No. CK. 225-18)

Ms. Duval–Tyler indicated she did not have a report.

Ms. Maggie Schwab shared with the Committee that the Heritage Festival was a huge success. There were close to 40 booths this year and approximately 2,900 people in attendance.

Councillor Clark entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

3. Report of the Heritage Coordinator
(File No. CK. 225-18)

Heritage and Design Coordinator Gutmann thanked the Committee members who volunteered their time at the Heritage Festival, and provided the following update:

- the Request for Proposals for the Capitol Theatre Artefact Inventory Project closed on February 10, 2014.
- the Heritage Policy document (including the creation of the registry and incentives program) was to be on this agenda but will on the March agenda.
- The Heritage Awards Ceremony was held on February 10, 2014 and went well. Ms. Kim Ali from On Purpose Leadership, who administered the awards program, will bring forward a report to a future meeting.

4. 2013 Annual Report
(File No. Ck. 430-27)

The Secretary submitted a draft of the 2013 Annual Report for review by the Committee before submission to City Council through the Planning and Operations Committee.

Ms. Signa Daum Shanks entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The Committee reviewed the draft report and the following suggestions were noted to be added to the 2014 Goals section of the report:

- The Committee is looking forward to working with City Council and helping roll out new policies and procedures surrounding heritage preservation and awareness.
- The Committee wishes to be stewards in overseeing the roll out of the new Heritage Policy and Strategy.
- The Committee's role is changing and the opportunity to work with City Council as a sounding board in heritage matters now and in the future is appreciated.

RESOLVED: that the 2013 Annual Report, including the above additions/revisions, be approved for submission to City Council through the Planning and Operations Committee.

5. Communication to MHAC
From: Kent O'Grady, Secretary, Saskatoon Heritage Society
Date: January 6, 2014
Subject: Proposed Cell Tower in the Centre of the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo
(File No. CK. 230-3)

The Secretary submitted an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on January 8, 2014 with respect to the above matter, along with a copy of the referenced letter.

Also submitted for the Committee's information, was a letter dated November 21, 2013 from Bernie Cruikshank, President, Friends of the Forestry Farm House, regarding the matter.

Mr. Darryl Dawson, Manager, Development Review Section, was in attendance to provide background information and answer questions regarding the proposed cell tower.

Mr. Dawson noted that the approval of cell towers is with the Federal Government and not the City of Saskatoon. Industry Canada is responsible for installation and operation of any cell tower and has final approval. A recent change to the City's Antenna Systems Policy requires additional public consultation, which Industry Canada agreed to. The Administration did notification under the revised policy regarding the tower at the Forestry Farm Park. Notification went to 275 residents in the area about the proposed tower which resulted in a single call, and no further concerns were heard.

The Administration looked at the location with regard to the Commemorative Integrity Statement, but in its opinion there was no contravention. As the proposed tower location would be in the east parking lot, it is outside of the defined core heritage area. Mr. Dawson noted that it is a balance of esthetics as well as the needs of individuals using wireless devices. Due diligence was done.

The Committee questioned that since the Forestry Farm Park is a national historic site, perhaps a much broader community should have been notified, not just the residents in the surrounding area. Mr. Dawson advised that notifying 275 residents was well beyond what normally occurs regarding a cell tower, and that the increased notification includes the ward councillor and community association president as well as those in the radius.

A committee member noted that the site received the national designation because it was used as a model farm to entice people to come to the prairies and played an important role in the area history.

Ms. Peggy Sarjeant, on behalf of the Saskatoon Heritage Society, addressed the committee noting that there is an impact on the entire national historic site, not just one portion of it. Ms. Sarjeant noted her concern that the heritage community wasn't consulted or informed, and expressed concern for future development as there are other sites in the city that are vulnerable as well. Ms. Sarjeant asked for a change to the policy and a more proactive approach so that interested parties are "on board" and history becomes a key factor in the historical landscape.

The Administration advised there is provision in the policy that the tower can be increased in height, and indicated it would be preferable that, if a change of more than 10% is proposed, the matter go back to the consultation process. The policy is being redrafted, and wording can be added into the policy to include cell towers on national historic sites, so that in future, discussion can occur.

- RESOLVED: 1) that the information be received; and
- 2) that the Planning and Operations Committee be requested to consider revising the Antenna Systems Policy to include a statement that the Community Services Department work with the relevant groups, including the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, with regard to municipal, provincial, or national sites that are of historical significance.

6. Heritage Property Designation
City Gardener's Site – Victoria Park
810 Spadina Crescent West
(File No. CK. 710-19)

Report of the Secretary:

“For the Committee's information, City Council, at its meeting held on January 6, 2014 considered the above and passed Bylaw No. 9145 – The City's Gardener's Site Heritage Conservation Bylaw, 2014 designating the City's Gardener's Site as a municipal heritage property.”

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

7. Articles for Newspaper – Update
(File No. CK. 710-1)

The Secretary submitted excerpts from the meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee held on November 6, 2013 and January 8, 2014, as well as a copy of the first article written by Lucas Richert which was published in the February 3, 2014 issue of the Saskatoon Express.

Mr. Brent Penner suggested that the topic of the next article by Lucas Richert could be about repurposed buildings. Mr. Penner noted that Mr. Richert is open to ideas for future articles and offered to pass any requests to Mr. Richert.

It was suggested that the articles be reviewed by Mr. Penner prior to being published.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

The Secretary submitted the following for information:

- a) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter – January 6, 2014 (sent by email dated January 7, 2014);
- b) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter – January 20, 2014 (sent by email dated January 20, 2014);
- c) Heritage Saskatchewan Newsletter – February 3, 2014 (sent by email dated February 4, 2014); and
- d) Sparks Off the Anvil – Newsletter of The Saskatchewan Western Development Museum, January – March 2014.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

The meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Carla Duval–Tyler, Chair