

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIGHORN NO. 8

HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD MARCH 1, 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN EXSHAW

PRESENT: PAUL ADAMS MEMBER (Council)
DENNIS APEDAILE MEMBER (Public)
MARIA DUNKI MEMBER (Council)
BERT DYCK MEMBER (Public)
LYNDA GRISCHKAT MEMBER (Public)
PAUL RYAN CHAIRMAN (Council)

STAFF: GREG BIRCH ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL MANAGER
ULRIKA GILLESPIE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

GUESTS: ROBERT BUCKLE AND ERYN BUCKLE, HERITAGE
COLLABORATIVE INC. were present for part of the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No additional agenda items were proposed by the Heritage Resources Committee members or staff. Staff then handed out a revised outline for the inventory workshop, item VI.C on the agenda.

MOTION 01.03.10 DYCK THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The Chairman asked if there were any changes proposed to the January 18, 2010 minutes. Ms. Gillespie said there was one error: Dennis Apedaile was shown as absent which was incorrect. He should have been shown as present. No other changes were noted by staff or members.

MOTION 02.03.10 ADAMS THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 Heritage Resources Committee meeting with the change of Dennis Apedaile recorded as present at the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. The Chairman asked if there were any changes proposed to the February 1, 2010 minutes. None were noted.

MOTION 03.03.10 APEDAILE THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 Heritage Resources Committee meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. Gift Agreement Form

Ms. Gillespie said that the Committee had suggested changes to the form at the last meeting and these changes were made and shown in yellow.

Councillor Dunki asked if the form had been sent to the lawyers. Mr. Birch said not yet but that it could be sent to them when the Committee was satisfied with the draft. He said it does not need to go to Council before going to the lawyers.

The Committee discussed the use of the term “material” in the form. Councillor Adams said that use of the term material, suggested to him that the form was for written items. The Committee agreed to have staff or the lawyers look at using “material” or recommending a different word.

The Committee agreed that they would like to have the form be more user friendly, perhaps by breaking it into sections and using sub-headers. Bert Dyck suggested having the lawyers review the form and use plain language. Dennis Apedaile questioned the use of the word “warrant” and suggested that perhaps “to the best of their ability” maybe be better.

Chairman Ryan finished the discussion by asking staff to bring the form back to the HRC after it has been reviewed by the MD’s lawyers.

B. 1907 St. Bernard’s Church and Superintendent’s Residence and School

Mr. Birch said that Council, at its February meeting, had followed the Committee’s recommendation to abandon its effort to designate the Superintendent’s Residence and School at Seebe, and decline Christ the Redeemer’s offer to donate the 1907 St. Bernard’s Church to the MD.

Mr. Apedaile asked if staff had made an effort to gather any information about the buildings at Seebe yet. Mr. Birch said that a historical impact assessment had been done through TransAlta which included all of the buildings at Seebe. Unfortunately, the MD’s copy had not been found in preliminary searches. There was a discussion around this and that an effort should be made to find that information in the MD’s other files. If the assessment cannot be found in the MD’s files, an effort should be made to obtain a copy from TransAlta or the Province.



MOTION 04.03.10 APEDAILE THAT
the Committee go in camera at 9:37 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 05.03.10 ADAMS THAT
the Committee come out of camera at 9:43 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dunki asked what kind of records does the MD have on St. Bernard's Church and perhaps people could be asked to donate photographs or other material. Mr. Birch replied that a Statement of Significance had been written on the church but perhaps that question could be asked at the strategic planning session in April. That is, what exactly should we collect, how much time and money should be spent on this one building given the Committee's budget? He said that during the strategy session, the Committee could define what the criteria are for such donations.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tracking Form

Mr. Birch said that the form will keep changing as staff improve it and the Committee agreed that it should be reviewed each meeting and that it was very useful. Mr. Birch clarified that when an item is complete, this will be indicated on the form and then, the following month, the item will be removed.

Mr. Apedaile said that he would like to see the date for information from Seebe be changed to an earlier date such as June 30th, 2010. The Committee agreed that other items such as photos could have a later date and that there should be two items on the form for Seebe with different dates. Staff agreed to make these changes for the April meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

B. Culture and Community Spirit – Proposal to Officially name Bill Griffiths Creek

Mr. Birch said that the MD had received notice from the Province of an application to formally name a creek situated east of Canmore near Highway 1A Bill Griffiths Creek. The Committee discussed this noting that it had always been referred to as Bill Griffith Creek but that, after reading the background information, it seemed that the historic context for the name was limited.

MOTION 06.03.10 ADAMS THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee has no objection to the application to name Bill Griffith Creek officially, and that the Province be informed of this opinion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



The Chairman called for a break at 10:10 a.m.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 10:22 a.m.

C. Inventory – HCI Workshop

The Chairman noted that Bob and Eryn Buckle from Heritage Collaborative Inc. (HCI) had arrived and invited them to join the Committee at the table.

Mr. Buckle began the session by saying that historical resources are a non-renewable resource and municipalities can take a role in conserving them. He said conservation is a long process and planning is an important part of it. He said that an inventory is the baseline in that planning.

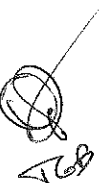
Mr. Buckle reviewed the steps involved in the inventory process starting with the survey, then a selection of sites being evaluated through draft Municipal Heritage Survey Review Forms (MHSRF), followed by a selection from those sites being further researched and a draft Statement of Significance (SoS) written for them. He said the Committee will then review the draft SoS's and the final SoS's will be prepared by HCI. The inventory will be comprised of these sites with the final SoS's. He said following this, there will be a public engagement component through an open house and discussion with property owners.

There was a discussion around the fact that 20 sites would be selected for evaluation and that number was based on what had been budgeted for in the inventory request for proposals. Mr. Birch said that more sites could be added in the future and Mr. Buckle said that, typically, when the public understands the process, more people want to become involved.

Mr. Buckle talked about evaluating the selection of a site and had a slide show displaying on the screen while he spoke. He said a site must have significance and integrity. To be significant, the site must meet only one of the following criteria: A. Theme/ Activity/ Cultural Practice/Event, B. Institution/Person, C. Design/ Style/ Construction, D. Information Potential and E. Landmark. Mr. Buckle then talked about integrity of a site. He said that if a site has significance, then all seven criteria for integrity must be met for a site to be eligible to be listed on provincial and federal lists of historic places. He talked about the seven criteria of integrity: location, design, environment, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Councillor Dunki asked about authenticity if changes are made to a building and Mr. Buckle said that the province is very particular about it. Eryn Buckle suggested that property owners talk to a heritage advisor from the province to ensure any changes to a building would be accepted by the province.

Mr. Buckle said that a site needs to be on the Alberta Register of Historic Places as a Municipal Historic Resource to be eligible for provincial funding, and that means the provincial criteria for significance and integrity must be met.



The Committee talked about the difficulty and costs in maintaining integrity, and Mr. Buckle said that the technology and measures exists and that part of the reason for provincial funding is because it is expensive work.

Mr. Buckle noted that the MD has many sites that may not be eligible as they are on Crown land but that the MD could let the province know that these sites are of historical importance to the MD and could be part of a long term plan. He suggested that a letter could be sent to the Minister of Culture and Community Spirit and the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development expressing the MD's historical interest in the land and then the MD will have done its job.

Bert Dyck left the meeting at 11:47 a.m. due to other commitments.

Mr. Buckle then presented a case study using an example from a site in the MD called the Patterson Cabin. He referred to the MHSRF for the site which contained a description, context, period of significance, significance criteria, character defining elements and integrity criteria. The Committee started to discuss these in terms of the example.

The Chairman called for a break at 11:58 a.m. for lunch.
The Chairman called the Committee back to order at 12:30 a.m.

The Committee continued to discuss the case study and landmarks versus symbolic value, and then discussed the seven criteria for integrity.

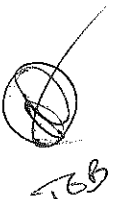
Following this review of the case study, Eryn Buckle and Ulrika Gillespie handed out the draft MHSRF's for 40 sites selected from the survey, along with a copy of the Places of Interest List. Mr. Buckle said that the one-page MHSRF forms the backbone of the SoS and the public likes to have the information on one page.

Dennis Apedaile noted that the value a site has is listed under the significance criteria and that technical information is in the integrity section.

The group agreed to go through all 40 MHSRF's before selecting the 20 for further evaluation, and Mr. Buckle said that HCI wants the Committee's comments and that the MHSRF's are in draft so they can be changed.

The Committee members reviewed all of the MHSRF's and made the following comments:

- Patterson Cabin – was reviewed as the case study
- Pocaterra Cabin – add information about Ms. Piper and there was concern about protecting the landscape or setting in the longer term
- Ranch Area off of Hwy 40 – important ranch in Bighorn
- 2, 4, 7 Mt. Kidd Crescent, 6 Mt. McGillivray Drive and 11 Pigeon Mtn. Drive - the issue of vinyl siding on these catalogue houses would need to be addressed and there should be consultation with a conservation officer in this regard
- 7 Mt. Lorette Drive - would require a lot of work to reveal the log construction. Ms. Grischkat suggested that it was probably one of the original cabins on the



Knowerville dairy farm. The Committee members agreed that they were not dismissing sites but rather not selecting them at this time.

- 25 Mt. Allen Drive – represented development of Exshaw, is the only duplex in town and is typical of a government structure
- 17 Loder Mtn. Drive – interesting stucco and possibly original windows
- 8 Barrier Mtn. Drive - was a teacherage
- Cadet Camp building – building is just being stored, having been moved from Banff
- 2 Fortress Mtn. Way, 1 Loder Mtn. Drive - no significance indicated
- 1 Mt. Lorette Drive, 14 Mt. McGillivray Drive, 28 Windridge Road – little or no significance
- Exshaw cemetery - not eligible but of interest
- 214 Blue Jay Drive – possibly relocated from Bankhead, interesting design
- Windmill in Dead Man’s Flats – noted it is on lot proposed for development
- Kananaskis Settlement – part of industrial development theme
- Horseshoe Dam – not at risk
- Seebe Superintendent’s House and Garage, and school – preservation effort recently abandoned
- Seebe Trestle – no significance
- Bridge off of 1A Highway - little interest
- Butchart Kiln and Old Slot Quarry – interested
- Graymont Old Powder Magazine – little interest
- Three Fingers Quarry – being reclaimed
- Yamnuska Coldroom – interesting
- Old Highway Camp – province has interest in that it has put up a sign
- Rock piles – little interest
- The Vaults, Lafarge Safety Monument, Black Rock Fire Lookout, Rocky Mountain Park Gate, Grier House and the Padmore settlement or Loderville /Area– were all noted as being of interest

After reviewing all of the forms, the Committee went through them a second time and selected the sites they wanted to receive further evaluation and to be placed on the inventory. The twenty sites chosen were:

1. Patterson Cabin
2. Pocaterra Cabin
3. Ranch Area off of Hwy 40
4. 2 Mt. Kidd Crescent
5. 4 Mt. Kidd Crescent
6. 7 Mt. Kidd Crescent
7. 6 Mt. McGillivray Drive
8. 11 Pigeon Mtn. Drive
9. 25 Mt. Allen Drive
10. Exshaw cemetery
11. 214 Blue Jay Drive
12. Kananaskis Settlement
13. Butchart Kiln and Old Slot Quarry
14. Yamnuska Coldroom
15. The Vaults



16. Lafarge Safety Monument
17. Black Rock Fire Lookout
18. Rocky Mountain Park Gate
19. Grier House
20. Padmore settlement or Loderville /Area

Mr. Buckle said that the next step will be for HCI to prepare an SoS for each of the 20 sites. He said that if the Committee members had any information they wanted added to the MHSRF's, to forward that to him either directly or through Ulrika Gillespie.

The Chairman thanked Bob and Eryn Buckle for the workshop and the meeting continued moved to item X on the agenda.

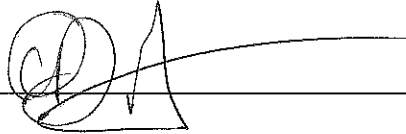
X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee confirmed the next meeting date as April 7st, 2010 at the Georgetown Inn in Canmore for a strategic planning session.

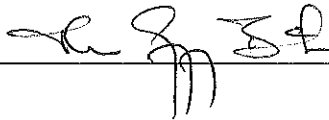
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 07.03.10 APEDAILE THAT

the Heritage Resources Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:52 p.m.



CHAIR



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