

Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Brad Hillis, Chair
Karen Collins, Vice Chair
Anne Hargrave
Blake Allen
Gerald Buzzell
Jeanette Beaven
Nicole Ensing
Viv Lieskovsky

Council Liaison: Judy Sentes, Councillor

Staff: Anthony Haddad, General Manager, Community Services
Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Dennis Oomen, Museum Manager
Jim Bauer, General Manager of Finance and Administration
JoAnne Kleb, Public Engagement Program Manager
Kelsey Johnson, Manager of Recreation, Arts, and Culture
Philip Cooper, Communications Manager
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on October 6, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 "Civic Places & Spaces" Asset and Amenity Management

The Public Engagement Program Manager and General Manager of Finance and Administration provided background information on the Asset and Amenity Management project, highlighting objectives, the process and the priority assets. They then provided more detailed analysis on the status, options and financial analysis for the following facilities: Memorial Arena, Leir House Cultural Centre and the Library and Museum. They highlighted key recommendations regarding twin arenas, public safety and emergency services, city hall and arts and culture, and the recommended capital investments that would be required. They concluded with the planned next steps and associated timelines of community engagement.

The floor was opened to Committee Members for questions and comments. Councillor Sentes commented that the federal government has mandated that municipalities have an Asset and Amenity plan in place in order to be eligible for federal grant funding and encouraged engagement in the process. A Committee Member asked about capacity differences between the various projections and staff responded that this level of detail will likely come later in the process. A Committee Member commented that the cost of moving and storing archival items should be taken into account as it can be quite expensive. A Committee Member commented that parking for the library and museum will be an important factor. A Committee Member asked about potentially expanding the library and museum facility and how the current Art Gallery being on parkland impacts a potential sale. Staff responded that the consultants did look at rebuilding the library on that site and that the Art Gallery site is zoned as 'Public Assembly' not "Parks" and that any potential disposition may involve land use changes or rezoning. A Committee Member commented that they feel that there was more emphasis placed on sports facilities as compared to arts and heritage facilities and that there is heritage funding available that will help counteract the costs involved in maintenance. A Committee Member asked about potential locations downtown for any new facilities and commented that they feel they should repair the current buildings rather than replacing them.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on November 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

6. **Public Question Period**

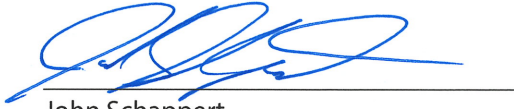
7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on October 6, 2021 at 2:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



John Schappert
Legislative Assistant