

Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
at 1:00 p.m.

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

Council Liaison: James Miller, Councillor

Staff: Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Anthony Haddad, General Manager of Community Services
Kelsey Johnson, Manager of Recreation, Arts, and Culture
Len Robson, Public Works Manager
JoAnne Kleb, Public Engagement Program Manager
Rebecca Van Huizen, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: Dennis Oomen, Museum Manager

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 March 2, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the February 2, 2022 Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Civic Places and Spaces Engagement Update

Councillor Miller joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

The Public Engagement Program Manager displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the update of the Civic Places and Spaces Engagement Process and anticipated next steps.

The floor was opened to the Committee Members for questions and comments.

A Committee Member thanked staff for adding heritage comments and summary into the engagement update.

4.2 Neighborhood Heritage Value Review

The Public Engagement Program Manager and Director of Development Services presented the proposed project work plan for the Committees information and displayed a PowerPoint.

The floor was opened to the Committee Members for questions and comments. Committee Members thanked staff for putting the Neighborhood Heritage Value Review together.

A Committee Member questioned if the review goes far enough. Excited about the heritage consultant as bringing them in will help to achieve the goals outlined. The Committee Member indicated that it would make more sense to do workshops with each neighborhood, so that they could each raise their concerns and staff could learn how the property owners see their individual neighborhoods. They noted that going to public review first is putting the cart before the horse. They also felt that there is not enough input from the Committee based on the flow chart that was presented and that the Terms of Reference for this process is not clear.

A Committee Member confirmed that the community-led heritage reports/reviews referenced on the PowerPoint presentation included the Heritage Report from Peter Achtem. Staff responded that yes, the Heritage Report from Mr. Achtem will inform this work as well as other reports from the other areas that have been received to date.

A Committee Member questioned what would the timeline be for this process. Staff expect this process to take 6-8 months, but noted this is depending on hiring the heritage consultant. Staff noted to the Committee that there are Council touchpoints and Committee touchpoints that are required throughout this process. A Committee Member brought up that if this process takes 6-8 months, then there is the potential to lose more heritage structures and buildings if they have active development proposals. Staff noted to the Committee that owners and developers have certain rights to build and develop under the current development bylaws.

A Committee Member expressed excitement about the indigenous consultations piece and wanted clarity on whether that will include consultation with the Penticton Indian Band on certain development proposals on the 3 presented area maps. Staff responded that the City is in discussions with the Penticton Indian Band on how best to advise them of active developments that are occurring. A Committee Member also expressed concern about the proposed 6-8 months' timeline for the process as they reiterated the same comment that the

City will continue to lose all the heritage that they are trying to save. Asked staff if there was a way to put something in place now to slow down the loss of heritage.

Staff noted that there is no way to expedite this process that wouldn't cause backlash and opposition to the project in those areas. Staff shared the goal is to build excitement and consensus in the neighbourhoods on what makes each are special and that will take time. A Committee Member inquired if there was a way to do a workshop between the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee and staff to go over the details of the heritage review.

Councillor Miller provided anecdotal comments regarding a specific development proposal on Spiller Road that went before Council last year and the engagement that happened with the Penticton Indian Band regarding that development. Noted that he would like staff to utilize the expertise of the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee on more projects.

The Public Engagement Program Manager noted to the Committee that a workshop separate from a Committee meeting would be a great way for the Committee Members to provide their individual input to staff. Staff committed to organize a workshop with interested committee members to further refine the process to conduct the review.

A Committee Member questioned if this workshop could include neighborhood ambassadors from the proposed areas of Lakeshore Drive, Front Street, and the Windsor Area to better include their ideas in the process. Staff noted that this is something that they can look into.

4.3 2022 Light Scroll Project - Update

The Public Works Manager presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Light Scroll Project.

The floor was opened to the Committee Members for questions and comments. Committee Members provided their individual input on design and where the best locations would be within the City.

A Committee Member suggested that the one advantage to the Light Scroll Project is that it will help to light up that specific area as some locations are seen as a 'trouble' spot and the project would assist in lighting up that area and reducing the mischief down there during summer months. A Committee Member suggested replicating the design of the previous light scroll to acknowledge that it is representing heritage loss. A Committee Member noted that with this light scroll project it will help to encourage the public come out and explore the City and will add to that sense of community. A Committee Member questioned staff if the Light Scroll will be lit all year round. Staff indicated the intention is this will be a year round fixture. The benefit and feature of a year round fixture is during the summer they can be multi-purpose. Noted to the Committee that the \$100,000 cost in the presentation is for just one Light Scroll. A Committee Member suggested a plaque in front of the Light Scroll to commemorate heritage that has been lost.

Staff indicated the next steps would be to present the Light Scroll Project Update to the Arts, Creative & Cultural Innovations Committee and then plan to come back at the next scheduled Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee Meeting with more finalized details.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on April 6, 2022 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 March 2, 2022 at 2:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Rebecca Van Huizen
Legislative Assistant