

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BANFF HERITAGE CORPORATION  
of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta  
Banff Park Museum  
91 Banff Ave, Banff, AB  
Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:30p.m**

**CORPORATION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chip Olver	Council Representative*
Susan Kennard	Parks Canada Representative (Vice-Chair)*
Herb MacAulay	Public Member*
Rose Maunder	Public Member*
Roland Charpentier	Alberta Association of Architects (Chair)
A.L. Sandy Aumonier	Alberta Culture Representative

**CORPORATION MEMBERS ABSENT**

JS Ryu	Public Member*
Larry Pearson	Alberta Culture Representative
Steve Malins	Parks Canada Representative (alternate)
Rev. George Belcher	Public Representative*

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Anita Battrum	Honorary Public Representative
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**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Jennifer Laforest	Development / Heritage Planner
Randall McKay	Manager of Planning and Development
Chad Townsend	Environmental Coordinator
Kerry MacInnis	Admin. Assistant, Planning/Recorder

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the regular meeting of the January 28, 2016 Banff Heritage Corporation to order at 1:47 p.m.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

HER16-1 Moved by Olver to approve the January 28, 2016 Banff Heritage Corporation agenda as amended.  
Add 5.5 – Event Happening Tonight!

**CARRIED**

**3.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

HER16-2 Moved by MacAulay to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Banff Heritage Corporation meeting as amended by removing Rose Maunder from Committee Members Absent.

**CARRIED**

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### 4.1. Request for Motion: Reconstruction of the Frank Lloyd Wright Pavilion at the Banff Recreation Grounds.

At the January 28th, 2016 regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation, Administration presented a proposal by Poste Strategies and Michael Minor on behalf the Frank Lloyd Wright Revival Initiative to reconstruct a replica of the Banff Park Pavilion on its original site located at the Banff Recreation Grounds.

The purpose of the project is to preserve and promote the legacy of the famed architect through the reconstruction of the pavilion which exemplifies the design ethos of Wright's Prairie School Style. The building was designed in 1911 by Frank Lloyd Wright in conjunction with Francis Conroy Sullivan of Ottawa and completed in 1914. It was subsequently demolished in 1938 due to periodic flooding, frost damage and neglect. Funding for the reconstruction of the pavilion would be raised by Frank Lloyd Wright Revival Initiative and the building donated to the municipality on the condition that land be made available at the recreation grounds at or near the original location of the structure.

Banff Heritage Corporation members debated the merits of the proposal at length. This included a discussion regarding the difference between preservation, restoration and reconstruction; the lack of awareness of the original structure within the collective memory of the community and its relative importance in local history; and, the potential interpretative value that such a building might offer given Wright's internationally acclaimed reputation as one of the greatest architects of our time.

It was noted that preservation respects a building's continuum over time and places a high premium on the retention of the historic fabric of a community through conservation, maintenance, and repair of a building. Rehabilitation and restoration emphasize retention and repair of building features but more latitude is provided for replacement because it is assumed a property is deteriorated prior to commencing work. Reconstruction establishes limited opportunities to re-create a non-surviving site, landscape, building, structure, or object in all new materials.

The Board reviewed the Historic National Sites and Monuments Act of Canada which defines historic places as "a site, building or other place of national historic interest or significance, and includes buildings or structures that are of national interest by reason of age or architectural design". It was noted that the Act is virtually silent on the issue of reconstruction. The Board also noted that the Standards and Guidelines for the Preservation of Historic Places in Canada does not outline the conditions under which reconstruction should be considered. Rather, it states "reconstruction or reconstitution of a disappeared historic place, is not considered conservation and therefore not addressed" in the standards and guidelines.

Further questions were raised regarding the proposed use of the building and whether or not it would it be used as it was historically or given a new use, whether or not the recently adopted Banff Recreation Grounds Redevelopment Plan could be amended to accommodate the building in its original location and/or proximate location, whether or not the pavilion could be located on a parcel of land closer to the Bow River and outside of Banff Recreation Grounds

redevelopment area, what measures would need to be taken to ensure the building would not be prone to flooding in the future, the need for such a building and whether or not reconstruction of the pavilion would open the town up to further criticism with respect its perceived artificiality. By way of comparison, it was noted that a similar project to reconstruct the Barcelona Pavilion has proved to be remarkably successful. Designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe as the German Pavilion for the 1929 International Exposition in Barcelona, Spain, the original structure was demolished in 1930 and reconstructed in 1986. The building has since become a seminal icon of modernist twentieth-century architecture.

HER16-3 Moved by Herb MacAulay that Administration support Banff Heritage Corporation by providing a draft motion in response to the proposal by the Frank Lloyd Wright Revival Initiative for discussion at the next regular Heritage Corporation Meeting.

**CARRIED**

HER16-4 Moved by MacAulay that the Banff Heritage Corporation direct administration to assist

**CARRIED**

4.2. Request for Motion: Designation of the Bow River Bridge  
Administration provided a brief overview of this proposal as included in the agenda package.

HER16-5 Moved by Kennard that the Banff Heritage Corporation supports the creation of a Designation Proposal for Bow River Bridge as it is a character defining landmark for the Town of Banff that demonstrates outstanding architectural and cultural value and meets the requirements for municipal heritage designation as per the Town of Banff Heritage Resource Policy.

**CARRIED**

4.3. Request for Motion: Harmony Lane Roof Replacement  
Administration provided a brief overview of this proposal as included in the agenda package.

HER16-6 Moved by Olver that the Banff Heritage Corporation supports the application of a standing seam metal roof at Harmony Lane, a designated Municipal Heritage Resource as represents the original roof material from 1913 and it complies with the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation for Historic Places in Canada.

**CARRIED**

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. Verbal Update: Proposed Site Improvements at the Banff Railway Station  
Administration provided a brief update on the upcoming site improvements proposed for the Banff Railway Station. The Banff Heritage Corporation will be invited to visit the site, more information will be provided prior to the next meeting in February.

5.2. Heritage Corporation – New Public Member Appointment  
Welcome to our newest Banff Heritage Corporation member – Rose Maunder.

5.3. Update: Walking Tour Brochure Reprint

Administration provided an update to the corporation that the walking tour brochures are being reprinted and will be delivered to the Town soon.

5.4. Update: Application YCW Heritage Intern for Summer 2016  
Administration has applied for funding for a summer heritage intern. More to follow once we see if our application is successful.

5.5. Event Happening Tonight!  
Olver – Whyte Museum “Voices from the Archives” 7:00pm tonight.

## 6.0 REPORTS

6.1. Review of Heritage Corporation Project Plan 2016  
Administration has itemized some of the priorities and projects for the Banff Heritage Corporation to consider and asked the group to discuss each. Laforest to update the Plan and forward to the corporation.

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

## 8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.1 The next regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m, Ted Landgridge Room, Town Hall.

## 9.0 ADJOURNMENT

HER16-7 Moved by MacAulay to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Roland Charpentier  
Chair

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Kerry MacInnis  
Planning and Development