

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BANFF HERITAGE CORPORATION
Town Hall (Ted Langridge Room)
110 Bear Street
Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 1:30p.m**

CORPORATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Kennard	Parks Canada Representative (Vice-Chair)*
Chip Olver	Council Representative*
Rose Maunder	Public Member*
A.L. Sandy Aumonier	Alberta Culture Representative

CORPORATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Roland Charpentier	Alberta Association of Architects (Chair)
JS Ryu	Public Member*
Rev. George Belcher	Public Representative*

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Monte Greenshields	Whyte Museum
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABSENT

Anita Battrum	Honorary Public Representative
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ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Jennifer Laforest	Development Planner
Emma Abramowicz	Graduate Heritage Planner
Nadine Setzer	Grounds Supervisor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the special meeting of the September 8th Banff Heritage Corporation to order at 1:40 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HER16-26 Moved by Kennard to approve the September 8th Banff Heritage Corporation agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

HER16-27 Moved by Maunder to approve the meeting minutes of the August 11th 2016 Banff Heritage Corporation meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1. Review Statement of Significance – Banff Power Substation
Abramowicz provided an overview of the draft statement of significance prepared by Administration for the Banff Power Substation. Abramowicz asked Heritage Corporation

members to review the proposed character-defining elements and the period of significance – proposed to be established at 1905.

Setzer was present to answer questions about potential future plans to retrofit the building interior for use as a columbarium.

Aumonier noted the importance of finding an appropriate use for the transformer building which has been empty for 65 years in order to preserve the building over time and keep the property from being vandalized. Aumonier agreed that the proposal presented by Setzer would have minimal impact on the character-defining elements and the integrity of the Class “A” heritage resource as the proposal is to install freestanding columbarium units on the interior.

HER16-28 Moved by Maunder that the Banff Heritage Corporation recommend that Council proceed with a Notice of Intention to Designate the Banff Power Station at 606 Buffalo Street as the former substation demonstrates high architectural integrity as a unique example of Italianate Architecture in Banff using local materials. Heritage Corporation would also emphasize that the heritage building is highly representative of local culture for its association with the electrification of Banff.

CARRIED

4.2 Review Statement of Significance - Old Banff Cemetery

Abramowicz provided an overview of the draft statement of significance prepared by Administration for the Old Banff Cemetery. Abramowicz asked Heritage Corporation members to review the proposed character-defining elements and the periods of significance – proposed at 1890-1932 (design) and 1933-present (cultural practice).

Setzer was present to answer questions about the ongoing management and maintenance of the Old Banff Cemetery. Setzer noted the careful attention paid to ensure the landscape elements, trees, fence and retaining walls retain historical feeling. Setzer also noted the impact of large tree roots to the retaining walls and the individual grave sites.

Aumonier emphasized the unique qualities of the Old Banff Cemetery as a site which is subject to change as a result of ongoing burials.

Kennard drew comparisons between the Old Banff Cemetery and the Cascade Gardens at the Parks Canada Administration building and noted the potential benefits of development a successive landscaping plan to balance operational needs with historic landscape features.

HER16-29 Moved by Maunder that the Banff Heritage Corporation amend the Banff Municipal Inventory to recognize the Old Banff Cemetery as a “Class A” municipal historic resource.

HER16-30 Moved by Olver that Heritage Corporation recommend that Council proceed with a Notice of Intention to Designate the Old Banff Cemetery at 604 Buffalo Street to ensure the site is recognized. Heritage Corporation wishes to ensure this particular landscape remains protected by way of designation. As a result, it is further recommended that Administration complete a

detailed inventory of the trees on site and develop a successive landscaping plan which balances the operational maintenance with the ongoing cultural practices of a burial ground.

CARRIED

4.3 Review the Statement of Significance – Whyte Residence

Abramowicz provided an overview of the draft statement of significance prepared by Administration for the Whyte Residence. Abramowicz asked Heritage Corporation members to review the proposed character-defining elements and the period of significance – proposed at 1930-1939 (architectural) and 1965-1979 (cultural).

Greenshields was present to review with corporation members the ongoing management and maintenance to the Whyte Residence. Greenshields reiterated that there are no changes anticipated to the building but agreed that in the future the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies would work with administration to ensure changes maintain the integrity of the “Class A” identified heritage building.

Aumonier requested that the Statement of Significance be updated to reflect the significance of both the 1930 log cabin and the later additions, as the entire property is considered architecturally significant.

HER16-31 Moved by Olver that the Banff Heritage Corporation recommend that Council proceed with a Notice of Intention to Designate the Whyte Residence at 130 Bow Avenue as the resource demonstrates high architectural significance as a representation of wooded western mountain folk design and for its association with local pioneers – Peter and Catharine Whyte.

CARRIED

4.4 Review the Statement of Significance – Bow River Bridge

Abramowicz provided an overview of the draft statement of significance prepared by Administration for the Bow River Bridge. Abramowicz asked Heritage Corporation members to review the proposed character-defining elements and the period of significance – proposed at 1921.

Laforest provided an overview on the rationale for proceeding with municipal designation: Planning and Development received a request from the Town of Banff Engineering Department for funding support from the Heritage Reserve Fund for the maintenance of the intricate stone masonry on the bridge piers. Laforest reiterated the intention of the Heritage Reserve Fund for the maintenance of designated heritage properties only.

HER16-32 Moved by Maunder that the Banff Heritage Corporation recommend that Council proceed with a Notice of Intention to Designate the Bow River Bridge as the bridge is an outstanding example of the City Beautiful movement in Banff, executed with local materials, holding an iconic status within Banff’s urban landscape, and representing an early attempt to integrate civic infrastructure with the surrounding landscape.

CARRIED

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Presentation – Banff Heritage District Overlay

Abramowicz provided an overview of Heritage District Overlay project as identified in the 2015 Heritage Service Area annual review. Abramowicz reviewed the potential benefits of creating a heritage district overlay as a means to recognize and manage development where remaining clusters of heritage properties exist in Banff. Abramowicz reviewed maps and areas in Banff where significant clusters of heritage

buildings of a similar architecture remain and asked the committee to think about the following questions as they relate to the creation of a heritage district overlay in Banff:

- How should we establish the boundaries for a heritage district overlay? Should we approach the development of a heritage district overlay along certain streets, blocks or should apply the district overlay town-wide?
- Understanding the legislative framework for Heritage Conservation in Alberta and the Town of Banff, what is the desired level of intervention in these areas? Should we work towards incentivizing rehabilitation, heritage infill, and/or repetition of historical architectural details?
- How should we balance the need for residential density while still conserving low-rise heritage character?

HER16-33 Moved by Olver that the Banff Heritage Corporation request to conduct a workshop with Council on October 11th 2016 with council to discuss the potential of a Banff Heritage District as per annual service review action item.

CARRIED

6.0 REPORTS

6.1. Report – Council report requesting an amendment to the Banff Heritage Resource Policy C23 to allow the Whyte Museum to join Heritage Corporation as an additional permanent voting member is now available online for review.

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1. The next regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation is scheduled for Thursday, November 25th 2016 at 1:30 pm at the Town Hall.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

HER16-34 Moved by Maunder to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Susan Kennard
Chair

Kerry MacInnis
Planning and Development