

**BANFF HERITAGE CORPORATION
MEETING AGENDA
Ted Langridge Room – Banff Town Hall
Thursday May 20, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.0 DELEGATIONS

4.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the April 15, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Communication Project Updates

5.1.1 Landmarks and Legends- Banff Park Museum

5.1.2 Walking Through Banff- Walking Tour Brochure Review and Reprint

5.1.3 Fundraising- 'Something to Write Home About'- Update

5.1.4 Heritage Awards- June 22nd

5.1.5 Doors Open Banff- August 8th, Participating Properties, Media, Volunteers

5.1.6 Heritage Plaques

5.2 Planning and Development Circulation and Updates

5.2.1 Cascade Dance Hall- Restoration and Renovation- 120 Banff Avenue

5.2.2 Cascade Dance Hall- Change of Use- Retail to Eating and Drinking Establishment

5.2.3 Rocky Mountain Tours & Transport Building- 207 Banff Avenue- Renovation of Building Exterior/ Re-Location of Heritage Plaque (The Grizzly House)

5.2.4 Renovation/ Addition- 301 Buffalo Street (Mitchell Residence)

5.3 Parks Canada Heritage Updates

5.3.1 Claremont House/ A.O Wheeler Property (Kennard)

5.3.2 Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada (Kennard)

5.3.3 Banff Park Museum- Totem Pole (Kennard)

6.0 REPORTS

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Crag & Canyon- New Look for the Cave & Basin, April 13, Page3 (Attachment)

7.2 Crag & Canyon- Funding for Cinema Under the Stars, April 20 (Attachment)

7.3 Rocky Mountain Outlook- Heritage Corp Hopes to Spare Wheeler House, April 22, Page1&6 (Attachment)

7.4 Crag & Canyon- A Lifetime of Achievement- May 11, Page18(Attachment)

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation is scheduled for Thursday June 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Distribute to:

**Anita Battrum	Public Representative	Tracy Wagner	Recording Secretary
** Susan Kennard	Parks Canada Representative	Randall McKay	Manager Planning and Development
** Ralphine Locke	Public Representative		
** Stavros Karlos	Council Representative (Alternate)	Claire Wilkinson	Planner
** Leslie Taylor	Council Representative	Crag & Canyon	
** Rob Crosby	Public Representative	Rocky Mountain Outlook	
** Herb MacAulay	Public Representative	Public	
Doug Gillmor	Alberta Association of Architects	File: C05	
Larry Pearson	Alberta Community Development		

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BANFF HERITAGE CORPORATION
of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta
Town Hall – Ted Langridge Boardroom
Thursday April 15, 2010 at 1:30 pm**

CORPORATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Ralphine Locke	Public Representative
Herb MacAulay	Public Representative
Anita Battrum	Public Representative
Rob Crosby	Public Representative
Doug Gillmor	Alberta Association of Architects
Steve Malins	Parks Canada Representative (Alternate)
Leslie Taylor	Council Representative

CORPORATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Pearson	Alberta Community Development
Susan Kennard	Parks Canada Representative
Stavros Karlos	Council Representative (Alternate)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Claire Wilkinson	Planner
Tracy Wagner	Recording Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HER10-15 MOVED by Herb MacAulay to approve the agenda with the addition of
8.2 Lands Adjacent to Banff Update

CARRIED

3.0 DELEGATIONS

Going Beyond – A sneak peek of the recent overhaul of the Town of Banff interactive Maps service.
Steve Nelson – GIS Coordinator

4.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of March 18, 2010 Regular Meeting (Attachment)

HER10-16 MOVED by Herb MacAulay to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Heritage Communication Project Updates
 - 5.1.1. Landmarks and Legends – Banff Lake Louise Tourism Media
 - BLLT looking for information for the 125th Parks Canada Anniversary
 - Landmarks & Legends series
 - 5.1.2. Walking Through Banff – Walking Tour Brochure Review and Re-print
 - Looking to outsource because of staff shortage in Communications

- 5.1.3. Fundraising – “Something to Write Home About”
 - Fundraising is at \$140.00
 - Other donations for Cinema Under the Stars are The Eddie Burger Bar donated \$1500.00 and Caribou Properties \$1000.00
- 5.1.4. Heritage Awards – Tuesday June 22, 2010

HER10-17 MOVED by Leslie Taylor to go into camera at 2:05pm
HER10-18 MOVED by Leslie Taylor to come out of camera at 2:09pm

HER10-19 MOVED by Herb MacAulay to have the Banff Heritage Corporation present two Heritage Awards for Lifetime Achievement at the 2010 Heritage Awards.

CARRIED

- 5.1.5. Heritage Plaques- Grant application update
 - Decision should come out in June
- 5.2. Planning and Development Circulation and Updates
 - 5.2.1 Cascade Dance Hall – Restoration and Renovation – 120 Banff Ave
 - Update provided by Claire.
 - 5.2.2 The Banff Centre – Smith Hall – Renovation and Re-purpose
 - Update provided by Claire.
- 5.3. Parks Canada Heritage Updates
 - 5.3.1 Claremont House/A.O Wheeler Property (Malins)
 - Decision on house has not been determined.
 - 5.3.2 Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada Renewal (Malins)
 - Update provided by Steve Malins.
 - 5.3.3 Banff Park Museum- Totem Pole (Malins)
 - No update available
 - 5.3.4 Cascade of Tides Pools
 - Parks looking to put water back into the pools.

6.0 REPORTS

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1. Alberta Historical Resources Foundation – Provincial Heritage Awards – Call for Nominations, March 15, 2010 (Attachment)
- 7.2. CTV News – Historic Buildings Ready for Next Act – Angela Kryhul, March 22, 2010 (Attachment)

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Parks Canada - Planning Forum
 - Feedback provided to Parks Canada- Heritage Corporation supports one extended session instead of two.
- 8.2 Lands Adjacent to the Town of Banff Update
 - Mike Murtha, from Parks Canada has produced a Banff National Park- LATB- Progress Update March 2010. Two page document distributed to Heritage Corporation Members at meeting)

9.0 NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 20th, 2010 at 1:30pm.**

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

HER10-20 Moved by Leslie Taylor to adjourn at 2:57pm.

CARRIED

Herb MacAulay
Chair

Tracy Wagner
Recording Secretary

Banff Crag & Canyon

News

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Tuesday, April 13, 2010



Photo courtesy of Parks Canada

This conceptual image shows what the welcome centre, which will be located in the parking lot of the Cave and Basin, could look like. Parks Canada plans to remove the gazebo currently located at the entrance to the Cave and Basin walkway with a more visible and inviting structure.

New look for the Cave and Basin

➤ Construction on the national historic site starts this summer, with it reopening in 2012

By Larissa Barlow
Banff Crag & Canyon

In May of 2012, when you drive into the Cave and Basin parking lot, you'll be able to see the bathing pavilion —

no longer obstructed from view by trees or by design — on the site of the birthplace of Canada's national park system.

You'll park your car on an upgraded lot, and walk a few feet to a brand new welcome centre — complete with washrooms — that could even include a statue of Cave and Basin discoverers William McCardell, Tom McCardell, and Frank McCabe.

Walking along the path to the bathing pavilion will be several benches to stop by before reaching the main

building itself. There, a water feature will pump the Cave and Basin's thermal water through a fountain you can touch to have an interactive experience before even entering the facility.

Once inside, you'll be greeted by a new look. Entry points will have been refurbished, the second floor of the bathing pavilion will be gone — replaced with a new exhibit hall on the main floor profiling the national park system.

Outside on the deck, the former pool will be covered over to make room for spe-

cial events like concerts, art shows or dances. There might even be a fountain for kids to splash in.

In the winter, there could be a skating rink or curling rink on the old pool.

And just beyond the national historic site boundaries at the rear of the Cave and Basin, there will be a First World War internment exhibit building, telling the story of the prison camp that existed at the site in 1915.

All of these plans are part of the future vision for the Cave and Basin National Historic Site when redevel-

opment takes place over the next few years thanks to millions in federal dollars promised last September.

The bathing pavilion will be open for the last time in its current state on July 1 for a public open house before it's shut July 2. A grand reopening is scheduled for May, 2012.

The goal of the renewal project is to make the Cave and Basin a must see destination for visitors, and to bring back the local community that once frequented the site when the pool was still operating.

"This site has lost its connection both mentally and physically with the community," said national historic sites manager Steve Malins, who is the project lead on the redevelopment.

The Cave and Basin use to be a meeting place for locals, who socialized by the pool. Malins said through this construction they hope to cultivate those feelings for the site again, "making that connection with the community, to the place that was their's all along."

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BANFF CRAG & CANYON

Funding for Cinema Under the Stars

By Larissa Barlow
Banff Crag & Canyon

Banff's Cinema Under the Stars has received funding from local businesses to help keep the annual culture weekend event going for another year.

The Eddie Burger Bar

has donated \$1,500 and Caribou Properties has donated \$1,000 to support the event.

Being held this year on Aug. 6, Cinema Under the Stars screens a film on a 50-foot inflatable screen set up in Central Park.

It kicks off a weekend full of events during the town's culture week-

end that includes a culture walk and Doors Open Banff.

"Instead of showing River of No Return or another heritage film they've indicated support for a film that was shot in the Rockies," heritage planner Claire Wilkinson said.

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Courtesy of the Town of Banff

Seniors events

Contact the Senior Centre at 403-762-4830.

Wednesday, April 21:
Walking Program 10:30-11:30 a.m. Meet at the Sally Borden.

For more information call Yvette at 403-762-2990.

Carpet Bowling 1:30-4 p.m.

Thursday, April 22:
Aerobics 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Room at the Senior Centre. Cost is \$4.50 for drop in or \$4 a session if you pay for 10 weeks.

Monday, April 26:

Monday lunch at the Senior Centre 12-1 p.m.

Bingo 1:30-4 p.m.

Foot and blood pressure clinic at Banff health Unit 1-4 p.m.

Movie matinee at the library, 2-4 p.m., the feature presentation is "The Ladykillers" (old version) with refreshments being served. Cost is free.

Tuesday, April 27:
Aerobics 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Room at the Senior Centre. Cost is \$4.50 for drop in or \$4 per session if you pay for 10 weeks.

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Rocky Mountain Outlook

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Heritage Corp. hopes to spare Wheeler House

ROB ALEXANDER BANFF

The Banff Heritage Corporation has nominated the Wheeler House for the Heritage Canada Foundation's annual Top Ten Endangered Places List in the hope the move will help establish an option other than demolition.

According to the Heritage Canada Foundation, the list is released annually to "bring national attention to sites at risk due to neglect, lack of funding, inappropriate development and weak legislation. It has become a powerful tool in the fight to make landmarks, not landfill".

Claire Wilkinson, Banff town planner and town representative on the Banff Heritage Corp. said the Heritage Canada Foundation urged the corporation to nominate the Wheeler House, also known as the Claremont House, before the deadline at the end of March given the heritage value of the house and the plan to demolish.

Parks Canada has plans to demolish the Wheeler House, even though it is a Recognized Federal Heritage Building, as the building, which sits in a wildlife corridor in a special preservation area that protects pivotal habitat for the endemic Banff Springs snail, is said to be in poor shape and as a result poses a threat to public safety.

Nominations for the Top Ten list closed on March 31 and Wilkinson said the results are pending.

"We talked about it quite a bit in camera until we made the decision that

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Wheeler house possesses significant historic architecture

WHEELER

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it would be fitting for us as a group who recognizes built heritage in the community to make that nomination," she said.

Banff Heritage Corporation chair Herb MacAulay said the group has a strong relationship with Parks Canada and has worked with it on a number of successful projects, however, the nomination was seen as an opportunity to keep the dialogue going and continue to explore other ideas beyond demolition. "We're trying to restore something that may conflict with their land use understanding," MacAulay said Tuesday.

Acting Banff National Park superintendent Sheila Luey said Wednesday (April 21) the nomination, even if it is accepted, will not likely affect the process, but it is seen as a positive.

"The nomination is something we appreciate as a sign of public concern and value for Wheeler and heritage buildings in the community. In that sense, the nomination is a positive sign for us that people value what we value," Luey said.

"As far as I can see, it is not going to affect our process. We will continue to look at alternative proposals as they are brought to us and at the same time we are proceeding with the Environmental Impact Assessment for demolition."

That EIA was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of March or early April, but she said she believes

it is still underway.

When completed, the draft EIA still has to be posted for public comment before it is updated.

And while restoring the house on-site is not practical given the constraints, Parks did receive a proposal in February from Joshua and Byron Tarchuk to relocate and restore the house.

According to Byron Tarchuk, they presented a plan to Parks Canada in mid-February with an interest to save a Craftsman Style bungalow that Joshua - who is currently working through his apprenticeship program with his father - perceived as having significant architectural value and character-defining elements.

Tarchuk, whose construction company has restored at least seven historic Banff properties, including the Painter House, said he felt the Wheeler House could be the only one left in Banff with those significant elements.

"There's nothing in the Parks Canada report that the structure was rotted away. The photos I saw are typical of the structures we salvage," he said.

As part of Joshua's plan, the Tarchuks proposed taking on all costs for both the move to a suggested site on Park Ave. and for the restoration work and then offer a standard Parks Canada 42-year lease to Parks for potential residential housing for its staff.

Tarchuk said there would be no net-negative affects as the house would no longer impede wildlife movement. The house would

be moved from a high- to a moderate-intensity fire danger zone and reconstruction would include proven green initiatives and it would add a new dwelling unit in Banff.

It could also act as an example of a successful private/public partnership that did not require financial support from taxpayers.

MacAulay said the proposal was predicated on the provision that the Tarchuks inspect the building, which Parks did not permit.

"It is a totally feasible proposal, but it is was predicated on Byron being allowed to inspect the building. It is my personal opinion that if Byron was allowed to inspect the building he will realize that it cannot be moved, that it is too far gone," MacAulay said.

"There's no denying the foundations are unstable due to phosphate and sulphate contamination. We weren't allowed to go inside of the building. It has been sealed by Parks because the foundations are unsound," MacAulay said.

The limited land base in Banff creates a significant problem in terms of finding a location for buildings moved from their original sites, Luey said.

"Were Parks Canada to entertain the idea of releasing more land, we would have to look at all the options for the highest and best use of the land given all the needs that we face in the community.

"Generally speaking, the challenge for any proposal coming forward is where you put it and then in a community with fixed boundaries and limited land uses of all sorts, finding

land for residential land use of this sort is extremely challenging," she said.

However, if it is not feasible to move the Wheeler House, given the condition of the foundations, MacAulay suggested letting the building rot is a better choice than demolition.

"Parks' argument that it needs to be destroyed is predicated on the belief that it is a threat to public safety and it cannot be redeemed. My perspective on it was when I was initially talking to Parks, decay is a natural part of the historical process and why is it necessary to do anything to this house. Why not just let it rot, it is already protected?" he said.

But from Parks' perspective, Luey said, that is impossible as the house does attract people and if left, would become a greater safety hazard.

"We have a lot of priorities for limited dollars and unfortunately only seven law enforcement wardens. It isn't feasible to put enough security there to ensure no one ever gets hurt," she said.

No matter what happens to the house, all parties do agree that the Wheeler House presents an interesting case.

"It's one of those pivotal examples that we are trying to learn from in terms of the tension you can get from trying to protect heritage resources and natural resources," Luey said, adding Parks is continuing to look for ways to commemorate Wheeler and his contribution to the area.

A lifetime of achievement

This is part one of a six part series highlighting this year's heritage award winners.

By Larissa Barlow
Banff Crag & Canyon

At the beginning of his career, Doug Gillmor was designing brand new buildings to fill the Winnipeg landscape.

Later, when he moved to Calgary to found the architecture program at the University of Calgary, he was teaching others how to design and build new structures all over Alberta.

But, in what has become the third phase of his long, successful career, Gillmor has been using his talents not to build anew, but to keep the wealth of historic buildings in Banff alive. For the past 15 years, Gillmor has been the Alberta Association of Architects representative on the Banff Heritage Corporation, offering guidance and advice on how to preserve Banff's historic buildings for generations to admire.

Working with the town's planning department as well as architects with new design

proposals, Gillmor has helping shape how Banff looks for over a decade.

For all his efforts, Gillmor is being honoured June 22 by the Banff Heritage Corporation with the 2010 Award for Lifetime Achievement in Heritage Conservation.

A Calgary resident, Gillmor has travelled at least once a month to Banff for the Heritage Corporation meetings for the past 15 years — rarely missing a meeting — to help maintain the history of the town.

"I really loved doing it," he said. "I though it was an important committee to be on.

"Banff is, after all, a world heritage site in the middle of Canada's first national park, so it's an important town and its story has to be told and has to be protected."

Gillmor sees that story in every building in Banff and wants it to live on, not only for residents, but for all Canadians who hold a special place in their heart for Banff.

During his time on the corporation, he's been involved in all of the nine municipal heritage designations, from Harmony Lane in 2001 to the Crandell/Peck Cabin that was done in 2009.

"Keeping the story alive — that was my interest and doing whatever we had to do to accomplish that," he said.

"Banff National Park is really such a part of Canadian history and Banff, as a town-



Submitted photo

Doug Gillmor.

site inside that park, it makes it kind of uniquely special. It's just an important part of the Canadian story."

Randall McKay, Banff's manager of planning and development, said Gillmor has been extremely helpful over the years by both protecting and respecting the historic fabric of Banff.

"Doug has an understand and appreciation of Banff that few people that I've met have had," McKay said. "Even though he's not a resident of Banff he has a strong working knowledge of architectural history and its changes over time.

"Absolutely the town would not look the way it does if it wasn't for the influence of Doug Gillmor."

Gillmor has also been something of a mentor to Banff's planning department, bringing his decades of experience to the table on countless projects.

Heritage planner Claire Wilkinson works closely with Gillmor on the Banff Heritage Corporation and counts on his expertise.

"Doug has spent countless times being a mentor, not only to me personally, but to every one of the planning staff," she said. "It is as if he is made of valuable ideas. I am almost guaranteed that his input will shed light on any details I've been missing, or haven't given enough attention."

His input will surely be missed then, when at the end of the year Gillmor is stepping down from the Banff Heritage Corporation. The Alberta Association of Architects will be appointing a new representative to the group. Gillmor said after 15 years, it's time to give someone else a shot on the board, but it doesn't mean he won't keep Banff in mind.

"It's been a great run and I've really enjoyed it, I just decided it is time somebody else came on and they may bring a different viewpoint," he said. "I won't lose interest in what's going on. I'll be watching because I'm so interested."

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