

**BANFF HERITAGE CORPORATION
MEETING AGENDA**

**Ted Langridge Room – Banff Town Hall
Tuesday November 29, 2011 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 September 15, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation (Attached)

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1 Heritage Communication Project Updates
- 5.1.1 Landmarks and Legends- 2012 Profiles
 - 5.1.2 Heritage Plaques
 - 5.1.3 Walking Through Banff's History Brochure (Attached)
- 5.2 Planning and Development Circulation and Updates
- 5.2.1 11DP49- Proposal for the Banff Train Station
 - 5.2.2 11DP53- 230 Muskrat Street- Accessory Building with Accessory Suite
- 5.3 Parks Canada Heritage Updates
- 5.3.1 Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada
 - 5.3.2 Commemorative Cairn- A.O Wheeler

6 REPORTS

7 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Rocky Mountain Outlook- "Wheeler Cairn Planned", October 13, page 25
- 7.2 Rocky Mountain Outlook- "Restoration plans in place for home" October 6, page 5
- 7.3 Rocky Mountain Outlook- "Match found for heritage brickwork" October 6, page 5
- 7.4 Revelstoke Times Review- Proposed New City Bylaw, September 29
- 7.5 Calgary Herald- "Historic Cemetery in Canada's First National Park- Home to colourful characters who settled Banff and the Mountains", November, 1993

8 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Overview- 2011 Parks Canada Annual Planning Forum (Attached)
- 8.2 Alberta Family Histories Society- Special Projects
- 8.3 Heritage Corporation- Annual Return

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation is Thursday January 19, 2011 at 1:30pm

10 ADJOURNMENT

Distribute to:

**Anita Battrum	Public Representative	Sarah Ramey	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
** Grant Canning	Council Representative	Crag & Canyon	
** Rob Crosby	Public Representative	Rocky Mountain Outlook	
** Herb MacAulay	Public Representative	Public	
Roland Charpentier	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, September 15, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.**

CORPORATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Herb MacAulay	Public Representative – Chair
Ralphine Locke	Public Representative
Roland Charpentier	Alberta Association of Architects
Grant Canning	Council Representative
Rob Crosby	Public Representative
Anita Battrum	Public Representative

CORPORATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Malins	Parks Canada Representative
Larry Pearson	Alberta Community Development Representative
Stavros Karlos	Council Representative
Susan Kennard	Parks Canada Representative

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Claire Wilkinson	Planner
Kerry MacInnis	Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the agenda was moved by MacAulay with two additions.
5.2.2- Tanglewood- Interior Maintenance Update
8.3 Renewal of Term- Heritage Corporation Membership

CARRIED

3.0 DELEGATIONS

4.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the July 21, 2011 Regular Meeting

HER10-14 Moved by Locke to approve the July 21, 2011 minutes of the Banff Heritage Corporation regular meeting with update to two updates to Corporation Members attendance.

CARRIED

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Communication Project Updates

5.1.1 Landmarks and Legends- November/ December Profile- Old Banff Cemetery (Attached), this is the last profile for 2011. Wilkinson recommends the Heritage Corporation submit ideas for 2012 profiles at the next meeting.

5.1.2 Heritage Canada Foundation: National Awards Program, Prince of Wales Prize for Municipal Heritage Leadership- Banff Nomination- Banff was not awarded this prize.

Minutes approved by: _____

5.1.3 Heritage Plaques- Launch Event. Locke suggested that the cemetery site would be a great launch event location. Canning suggested that the launch coincide with the next meeting of Heritage Corporation (October 20). Wilkinson to determine if installation will be complete and invite Mayor to unveil the new collection.

5.1.4 Banff Culture Days/ Doors Open - Sunday August 7th. Wilkinson to provide a briefing to Council with 2011 partners.

5.2 Planning and Development Circulation and Updates

5.2.1 Bayne Residence- 202 Otter Street. Article in the Crag regarding stolen bricks has resulted in excellent community feedback and offers of support. Property owners anticipate the brick restoration to be finished this fall with continued work in Spring 2012. (Reinstatement of the front porch and wood railings). Much care and time is being taken to ensure the integrity and heritage of the home is respected.

5.2.2 Renovation of Tanglewood property – Locke met with on site with the architect and a representative from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. A review of proposed maintenance work is now complete. Locke will provide documentation for the municipal designation file. Provincial representatives have confirmed that this proposal will not any way alter the Historic Designation of the property.

5.3 Parks Canada Heritage Updates

5.3.1 Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada. Update postponed until next meeting.

5.3.2 Commemorative Cairn- A.O Wheeler. Review of the design and interpretative of the cairn was discussed. Wilkinson has drafted a letter to Parks Canada with feedback from Planning and Development and the Heritage Corporation comments. Kennard to confirm if the site for the cairn will be the existing picnic area beside the gondola or the roundabout by the upper hot springs. Wilkinson will finalise and sign the letter on behalf of the committee to Parks by September 16th.

6.0 REPORTS

No reports were presented.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Banff Train Station - Wilkinson – Planning and Development has received a development permit application for a multi-phase development at the Banff Train Station. The Heritage Design Sub-Committee met on August 26th to discuss Phase 1 of this project and have submitted a written statement and recommendations. Another request for the Heritage Design Subcommittee to provide input is anticipated for October.

8.2 Bankhead Home- 230 Muskrat Street– Wilkinson – Banff Municipal Planning Commission approved the permit application to remove the existing shed will be removed and replace with an accessory dwelling. The main house will be restored after this accessory dwelling project is completed. Wilkinson will approach the new owners to encourage them to list the Heritage house on Banff's public registry or

recognised historic resources. This would not prevent them from making any significant changes to the house or site.

8.3 Renewal of Term- Banff Heritage Corporation Membership – Wilkinson – The annual organisational meeting of Council is in October. There are two positions for renewal on the Banff Heritage Corporation (Battrum and Lock). Battrum has applied for reinstatement.

9.0 NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Banff Heritage Corporation is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

HER10-15 Moved by Canning to adjourn at 2:55p.m.

CARRIED

Herb MacAulay
Chair

Kerry MacInnis
Recording Secretary

Banff Information

November 2, 2011

Next Council meeting: November 14, 2 p.m. Council Chamber
Next Municipal Planning Commission meeting: November 9, 9 a.m. Council Chamber

Walking Through Banff's History

Four new significant sites are being recognized with the Town of Banff's distinctive blue heritage plaques, and the popular Walking Through Banff's History self-guided tour brochure is being reprinted to make it even easier for Banff residents and visitors to learn about our community's history. There are now five tours, 47 plaques and 60 sites in the brochure.

As a town within a UNESCO World Heritage site, we think it's important to tell the stories of Banff's past residents and recognize the significant sites and buildings that are part of what makes up our great community. Claire Wilkinson, the Town's heritage planner, worked in partnership with Banff Heritage Tourism, The Whyte Museum, Parks Canada and The Banff Centre to develop and expand the recognition of historic places. "Working on this project has been a fascinating journey through Banff's history," she said. "The plaques and the walking tour really tell the story of Banff's unique character and culture, and reinforce the necessity to preserve, protect and commemorate our built history."

One new plaque recognizes Banff's first cemetery, created in 1888. It is the final resting place for more than 2,000 residents, including many community builders and historic figures. The other three new plaques recognize the Crandall/Peck

cabin (circa 1907) on Buffalo Street; the site of the former Dominion Cafe (1923-1967) on Banff Avenue; and Woodside Cottage on Otter St. (circa 1912).

In addition, six damaged plaques have been replaced.

To take a stroll back in time, download the printer-friendly Walking Through Banff's History brochure and check out the interactive map at banff.ca.

Photo: Town of Banff Planner Keith Beasone with Janice Arneson Mathieson visit Cair Lodge on one of five Walking Through Banff's History tours.



Upcoming Events

Monday, November 7

- Pre-Season X-Country Ski Conditioning Mondays for 5 weeks, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Banff Seniors' Centre, \$57 + GST

Does that first ski leave you wishing you had done more to train for the upcoming ski season? This class will prepare you by focusing on conditioning all the muscles used for x-country to make ski days more enjoyable.

Wednesday, November 16

- Non-Profit Request for Funds Application Deadline

Banff Town Council will consider requests for funding from non-profit groups during the 2012 budget deliberations. Requests for Funds are online at banff.ca or from the Community Services department at Banff Town Hall. For more information, call 403.762.1254. To submit a completed Request for Funds or to make a verbal presentation at the Council budget meeting on November 21, please contact the municipal clerk at municipal.clerk@banff.ca or 403.762.1209.

Thursday, November 24

Development Appeal Board Hearing

Banff ECSS Building Brideau Grant

Wheeler cairn planned

CATHY ELLIS BANFF

A cairn to honour the legacy of A.O. Wheeler will be set up in Banff following the demolition earlier this year of a near century-old home he once lived in.

Parks Canada plans to install an interpretive cairn by the Upper Hot Springs to commemorate mountaineer and surveyor Arthur Oliver Wheeler, with a focus on his Banff connections.

"There was a lot of interest in the house and a lot of interest in Wheeler, so we thought it appropriate to honour his legacy," said Susan Kennard, heritage programs manager for Banff National Park.

"The history leading up to this was very challenging, so a lot of time and thought has been put into getting this right, in appropriately telling his story."

The Wheeler House, also known as Claremont, was demolished by Parks Canada earlier this year because it was located within a wildlife corridor and considered to be in a run-down state, posing a threat to public safety.

The dilapidated house was built in 1920 by Wheeler, a surveyor, mountaineer and one of the principal founders of the Alpine Club of Canada.

The house was designated as a recognized federal heritage building in 1994.

Wheeler ran a horse-packing and guiding business from the house and, as president of the Alpine Club of Canada, welcomed many visitors to his home.

Demolishing or removing the house from its location in the wildlife corridor on the slopes of Sulphur Mountain was one of the 1995 conditions of approval for the Middle Springs II housing development.

Plans for demolition led to an outcry from heritage preservationists, including University of Alberta professor PearlAnn Reichwein, who wanted the federal government to intervene.

The Banff Heritage Corporation also nominated the Wheeler House for the Heritage Canada Foundation's annual Top 10 endangered places list in the hope the move would lead to an option other than demolition.

As well, the corporation later recommended Parks Canada do something to honour Wheeler following the demolition, as did land surveyor associations in both British Columbia and Alberta.

Ralphine Locke, a member of the Banff Heritage Corporation who pitched the original idea for the cairn, is happy the interpretive exhibit is being installed.

"There was a lot of anger and upset in the Banff community about demolishing the house, so I think this balances that out a little bit," she said.

"He did some wonderful work and he certainly deserves to be remembered."

Part of the cairn proposal includes a replica boundary marker, plus plaques detailing and showcasing Wheeler's life.

"It's nice to be able to work with these organizations and we're taking quite a bit of creative input from them," said Kennard. "There's been a lot of thought put into this project, including where it will be placed."

Parks Canada hopes to have the cairn, to be placed on a grassy bank by the lower part of the parking lot at the Upper Hot Springs, installed this year.

Wheeler, who was born in Ireland in 1860, moved to Canada with his family in 1876 at the age of 16. He died in 1945.

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Ministries of the Bow Valley

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Banff Park Church (Baptist)

455 Cougar St (403) 762-3225

Banff's Full Gospel Church

Corner of Cougar & Squirrel (403) 762-2740

Grace Japanese Christian Church

Banff's Full Gospel Church - Cougar & Squirrel (403) 609-2388

St. Georges in the Pines (Anglican/Episcopal)

Corner of Beaver & Buffalo (403) 762-2128

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Banff Ave. at Wolf Street (403) 762-3279

Rundle Memorial United Church

104 Banff Avenue (403) 762-2075

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

457 Cougar St. (403) 762-3113

Our Lady of the Rockies Parish

305 Squirrel St. (403) 678-5022

Christian Science Services

401 Banff Ave. (Aspen Lodge) (403) 762-0458

Banff Korean Church

Banff Ave. at Wolf St. (403) 431-2507

~Canmore/Exshaw~

Alpine Christian Church

Policeman's Creek Drop-In Centre (403) 609-0832

Mountain Baptist Church

at St. Michael's Anglican Church Hall - 709 7th St.

Rocky Mountain Victory Church

117 Bow Meadows Cresc. (403) 678-8746

Our Lady of the Rockies Parish

810 7th St. (403) 678-5022

St. Michael's Anglican Church

709 7th St. (403) 678-5191

Ralph Connor Memorial United Church

617 Main St. (403) 678-5354

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

1st Ave. & Hospital Place (403) 678-6700

Trinity Bible Church

1717 Bow Valley Trail (403) 678-5063

Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall

122 - 15 St. (403) 678-4121

Mountain Sanctuary Seventh Day Adventist

at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Christian Science Services

(403) 678-5303

Heart Mountain Community Church

Exshaw Community Centre (403) 673-3081

Restoration plans in place for home

CATHY ELLIS BANFF

The owners of one of the most significant heritage homes in Banff are planning to restore the Bankhead home to its former glory.

The A-ranked house, known as the Findlayson-Bowker residence, is believed to have been built in 1905 and later moved from the former coal mining town of Bankhead to 230 Muskra St. around 1912.

Officials say the original exterior of the period Queen Anne style home appears fundamentally intact, retaining much of the architectural character and heritage value of the building.

"As far as superstar properties go, it's right up there," said Claire Wilkinson, a heritage planner with the Town of Banff and liaison with the Banff Heritage Corporation.

"The Banff Heritage Corporation was surprised and delighted to hear that the intent is to retain the existing structure."

Bankhead was a coal mining town on the lower slopes of Cascade Mountain. The mine was established in 1904 and operated until 1922. Houses were sold for about \$50 a room and moved to Banff, Canmore and Calgary.

When the Findlayson-Bowker residence was moved from Bankhead to Muskra Street, it was converted to a boarding house for use by tourists.

Currently, the property is not publicly listed by the owners as a site of heritage significance, but is on the municipality's heritage resource inventory as an A-ranked property.

In Banff, an A-30 ranking is the highest possible rating, taking into account history, architecture and environment, and the Bowker residence is an A-27.

Heritage preservationists feared the home would eventually be lost, particularly given its location in the Central Muskra (RCM) land use district which, under new regulations, allows for much higher residential density.

"The initial thoughts of the heritage cor-

poration was sites like this would face a grim future given the changes to regulations in this district to promote increased density," said Wilkinson.

"It's really reassuring when the owners brought this announcement forward to state that it would be preserved. They are voluntarily doing this, which is great news."

But before the owners begin restoration work, they plan to build a one-and-a-half-story accessory building that would include a two-car detached garage and a one-bedroom accessory dwelling.

The project was given approval by the municipal planning commission on Sept. 14. As part of that decision, the commission granted a minor variance under-the bylaw to the maximum allowable height from five metres to 5.61 metres.

That was based on the advice of town planners, who expedited the application and supported the variance as a way to create a non-financial incentive for the property owners for their intent to restore the main house.

In addition, Banff's heritage resource policy indicates that "incentives such as relaxing the land use bylaw" are appropriate in the planning process.

"It is in this context that planning and development supports the requested variance to building height, which will make the accessory dwelling more liveable and economically viable," said planner Keith Batstone.

Wilkinson said architecturally, the home is noted for being an excellent example of a period Queen-Anne style home with a full width front verandah.

She said the delicate turned porch supports and spindlework ornamentation are particularly noteworthy, as is the frieze suspended from the porch ceiling.

"The building commands the corner site and holds a very strong presence on the street," said Wilkinson. "Its size and detailing really stand out."

Match found for heritage brickwork

CATHY ELLIS BANFF

The owners of a treasured heritage home in Banff have found a near perfect match for some bricks that went missing when the house was under renovation.

While the mystery of the missing bricks has not been solved, the owners of the 98-year-old Bayne Residence eventually found some red bricks to add to the authenticity of the project.

Owner Lois Willuhn said she is now confident they can move ahead with their quest to have the property designated as a municipal historical resource, amid earlier concerns the loss of the bricks could threaten that.

"We just scouted out brickyards, and it was a very long process, but we finally found some old bricks in Edmonton that were a perfect match," said Willuhn, whose family

has owned the red brick home since 1946.

"They are a little different size, but we cut them down, and they are the right colour and they look really good. It was stressful for a while, but I think everyone is happy."

The bricks from the front facade of the Otter Street house went missing earlier this year, prompting the Town of Banff and Banff Heritage Corporation to seek advice from the province on whether it had implications for designation.

Claire Wilkinson, heritage planner for the Town of Banff, said finding an acceptable match for the missing red bricks means the process is "back on track."

"They are working on the brick work right now, under close supervision and watchful eyes, so the same fate doesn't happen to them," she said.

"Given the response we've been getting and given the extent to which they've gone



The Findlayson-Bowker residence, a former Bankhead property, is to undergo a renovation.

CRAIG DOUCE RMO PHOTO

out of their way to find the same bricks, the province hasn't brought up any concerns."

Less than 50 bricks were stockpiled against the rear of the property when some cobblestone work was being repaired on the residence, built in 1913 by David Calvin Bayne.

Bayne was a Canadian Parks Service employee and worked as Banff's notary public. He also operated general stores in Banff and the former coal mining town of Bankhead with business partner David White.

In 1921, Bayne left Banff for employment with the Calgary School Board. His family still lives in the area – his grandson, David Bayne, is the former long-time general manager of Chateau Lake Louise.

The home includes brick, stucco, timbering and a unique cobblestone foundation. A large covered porch and interior layout suggest the property's prominence among Banff's

high society of the early 20th century.

In 1946, this property was bought by James and Evelyn McLeod, who operated Rocky Mountain Tours and Transport Co. It was later owned by the McLeod's daughter Jean (Waterhouse) Walls and her family.

The home remains essentially intact and is one of only a few remaining examples of red brick homes built in Banff prior to the First World War.

Last year, Banff town council gave notice of intention to designate the property as a municipal historical resource. If approved, it will be only the second private property in Banff to receive this designation.

Municipal historical resource designation involves creating a bylaw to legally protect a heritage property. The bylaw is registered on property title so the designation remains even if the property is sold.

It's expected the designation process will come before town council sometime in the new year.

"Mom will be happy," said Willuhn, who is the daughter of Jean Waterhouse.



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Proposed new city bylaw: \$2,000 a day fine for rundown heritage homes

By [Aaron Orlando - Revelstoke Times Review](#)

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The City of Revelstoke is proposing a new 'Heritage Maintenance Standards' bylaw that will ding the owners of unkempt homes in the city's Heritage Conservation Area \$2,000 per day for failing to maintain the home to city standards.

The new bylaw appeared unexpectedly on the agenda for a special council meeting on Oct. 4 starting at 3 p.m.

The bylaw lists standards for paint, renovations, infestations, graffiti removal, structural and roof integrity.

In addition to new fines for not keeping any home in a Heritage Conservation Area up to city standards, a new provision would punish anyone with fines up to \$50,000 and two years in jail for vandalizing or removing materials from protected heritage sites, a building with a higher level of heritage protection.

For more, read the proposed bylaw here [by following the link to the 'Heritage maintenance Standards Bylaw.'](#)

The agenda was released at the end of the work day on Thursday, so city staff were not immediately available for comment. Many staff and city councillors are currently attending the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention in Vancouver.

The *Times Review* will report on developments regarding the bylaw following the Oct. 4 meeting where it will be discussed at the council table for the first time.

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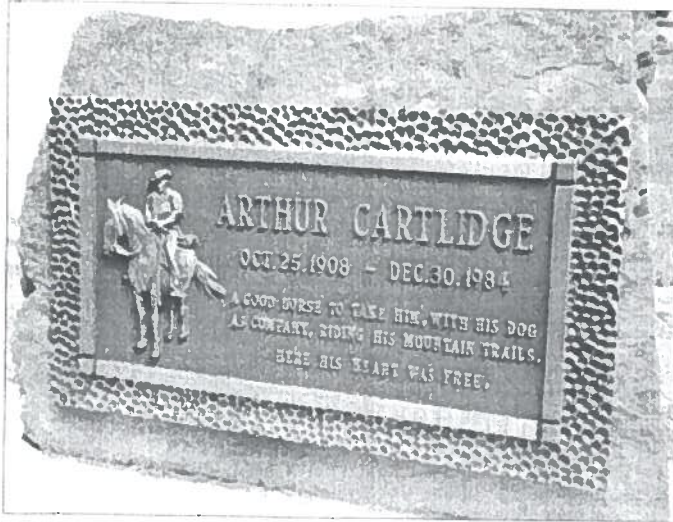
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Arthur Carlidge: There on a horse on a mountain trail, he was free.



George Brewster: Remembered with an elegant bronze.



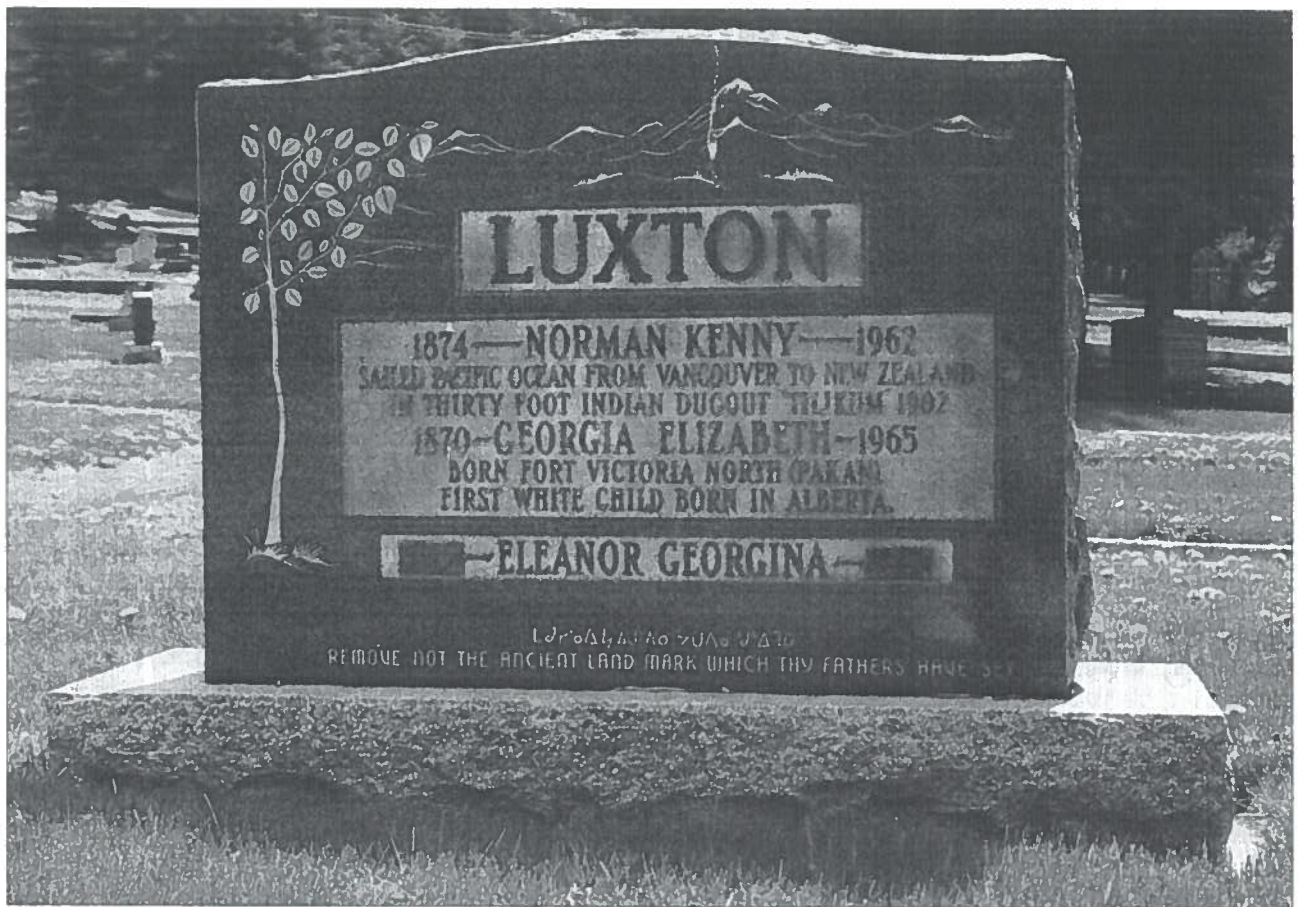
Tom Wilson: Trail blazer was the first white person to see Lake Louise.

“Our lives are better today because we knew them yesterday.”

~Epitaph for William S. Appleby



Ho Ping: Started a cafe then turned to tailoring for generations of residents.



Norman Luxton: Crossed the Pacific to New Zealand in a canoe and started the Lux Theatre.

Historic Cemetery in Canada's First National Park

*Home to colorful characters
who settled Banff and the mountains.*

BY SUSAN SCOTT

The Calgary Herald
(Reprinted with permission from The Calgary Herald.)

The ravens cry over the last mortal remains of Raymond E.A.C. Paley. The U.S. mathematician never lived in Banff, but he will stay there now until the end of time.

Poor Paley has the unfortunate distinction of being the first avalanche fatality in Banff National Park, but he is in good company in the peaceful old cemetery. He rubs shoulders with the likes of legendary guide Bill Peyto, the ingenious Elizabeth Woodworth, explorer Norman Luxton whose wife Georgina was the first white child born in Alberta, and artists Catherine and Peter Whyte.

"Banff is a community and it's a community there, too," says Helene

tion up and not make footnotes of a person."

The cemetery was started in about 1890 when the CPR finished the railway. The older graves are on the left as you enter. Letnick stops at a reddish headstone dedicated to Ho Ping, 1884 - 1970.

Ho Ping came here in the '20s and for a short time ran a cafe, but then he returned to his original trade of tailoring. "He was famous for his ski pants; you weren't in fashion unless you wore his ski pants."

Old timers have told Letnick that it was a major rite of passage for Banff boys when at about the age of eight they acquired their first pair of Ho Ping trousers.

The tailor is surrounded by many unmarked graves.

During the 1918 influenza epidemic people died so fast that it was impossible to mark their final resting place; others lie in unmarked tombs because the wooden marker has disintegrated with *anno domini*.

An area near Ho Ping is devoted to Bankhead (an old mining community) residents who used to walk five miles for a burial - not an uncommon occurrence with the mining conditions at the beginning of the century. They then held an all-night party.

Deziel Letnick comes to an unadorned grave devoted to Elizabeth

Woodworth, and stops to pay tribute.

Woodworth came out of Siding 29, the first settlement in the area, to marry a CPR worker. She had him pipe water in hollow trees from the Cascade Mountain waterfall into pork barrels and from there made good use of it.

"She was the first lady growing vegetables at Siding 29," says Letnick.

Another resident who piped water was the ultra Conservative Dr. Robert George Brett. Epitomizing respectability, he nonetheless installed his mistress in a small, dark house also on Buffalo Street.

Brett came as a CPR surgeon and, for a while, performed operations in a boxcar, but he went on to build a sanitarium where the (National Parks) Administrative Buildings are today, piping spa water down from the Upper Hot Springs.

Today, Brett and his sons rest in one of the cemetery's three mausoleums. In life he couldn't stand the Liberal Brewster family and in death, he's still in competition with them as another mausoleum is occupied by James Brewster and his brood.

A member of the Brewster clan, James in effect founded the family's transportation business when, at the tender age of 10, he guided his first fishing trip. Letnick tells how in 1939, when King George VI visited Banff, Queen Elizabeth, now the Queen Mother, asked to see his world-renowned collection of game trophies.

"He said, 'Sure,' and took them home without letting his wife know in advance. His wife nearly fainted, she was white as a sheet, but she was soon chatting with the Queen over a cup of tea."

Many of the headstones are decorated with elegant bronzes or stone carvings, depicting local scenery. Gary Ashley Baptie's even has a golfer, while others show cross-country ski tracks. One of the liveliest belongs to yet another Brewster, Pearl Brewster Moore, showing her dressed as a cowgirl on a bucking horse.

Some of the most touching show riderless horses like the guide and outfitter John McLaren Thomas, or the children's tombs graced by white marble lambs.

"There are old people, young people and babies, rich people like Dr. Brett and more normal people," says Letnick.

A friendly character was Bill Davis who was the only black in Banff

Ho Ping came here in the '20s and for a short time ran a cafe, but then he returned to his original trade of tailoring. "He was famous for his ski pants; you weren't in fashion unless you wore his ski pants."

Deziel Letnick as she approaches the wrought iron gates on Buffalo Street.

Letnick, who conducts tours of the Banff Cemetery for the Whyte Museum and who is preparing a guide to it, feels she's with friends when she's there. And, she treats the inhabitants with honor.

"I don't want to box people up," she says. "I want to open the imagina-

before the First World War when it was considered OK to call him Nigger Bill. Besides working for the CPR, he had several businesses including a shoe store out of the back of which he appropriately bootlegged liquor.

Letnick said the Banff RCMP couldn't get worked up about it, but one day a contingent from Calgary conducted a raid only to find two or three Mounties and a priest swigging it back, "so they didn't do anything."

This is far from being a boring Who Was Who. Her tales spin fascinatingly on, showing how the present day social fabric of Banff came into being.

The Whyte family is almost synonymous with Banff. The best known are Peter, Catherine and their nephew Jon. The first two were artists and great benefactors and patrons of the arts endowing the Banff Museum and the Margaret Greenham Theatre at the Banff Centre.

Greenham, a local drama teacher is buried not too far from the Whyte's charming headstones. Peter's depicts a number of animals from a bird to a moose while Catherine's shows three hikers ascending a ridge.

Jon, a poet and historian lies a little distance away. In many ways he was Letnick's inspiration for the cemetery project as it was one of his favorite places and until his untimely death last year he used to conduct tours of it, too.

As the visit winds down Letnick confesses she too would like to end up in what she calls her second home. "I would love to be buried there, if anyone wants to donate a plot . . ."

You can still be

buried there if there's still space in your family plot, she says, "but you have to be cremated so you don't disturb the neighbors." ■

Some of the most touching show riderless horses like the guide and outfitter John McLaren Thomas, or the children's tombs graced by white marble lambs.

UK crematoria survey shows significant costs increase

The latest annual survey of crematoria by pre-paid funeral specialists Chosen Heritage shows that prices have again increased (in the UK) by significantly more than the rate of inflation.

The average price increase by UK crematoria was 13 per cent, while the rate of inflation for the year to April 1993 was only about 1.3 per cent. When the survey was first published in 1990, over two thirds of all cremations cost less than 100 Pounds (\$260 Can.) In 1993 this is only true of 11 per cent.

The most expensive cremation in the country is to be found at Dundee Crematorium at a cost of \$635, while Grimsby offers the best bargain at \$175. The average price of cremation is \$350.

This year's research also looked for the first time at the facilities available for disabled people. Many crematoria had gone to great efforts to accommodate them with ramps and wheelchair spaces, but only 42 per cent were able to offer suitable toilet facilities.

Provisions such as induction loop systems and sign language services for the hard of hearing were much less common – and only three crematoria could provide braille service books for the blind.

However, some crematoria were to be commended for their initiative, said the report. Manchester's Chorley cum Hardy Crematorium, as well as being one of the only three offering braille books, also runs suitably accompanied tours around the crematorium and grounds for the deaf and blind. They can also provide memorials in braille on the trees in the rose garden.

The survey was conducted by Third Age International on behalf of Chosen Heritage.

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Elements that contribute to a great trail experience.

Experience: The trail system and the winter offer. As the backbone of the park, the trails represent the most significant way that visitors can see and build a connection to Banff. The winter offer, if enhanced, can provide exciting opportunities for visitors to see and experience a different side of Banff.

The Banff Heritage Corporation would like to contribute the following suggestions for Parks Canada consideration in their review of elements that contribute to a great trail experience. Many of these comments relate to existing practices and provisions by Parks Canada to which the Heritage Corporation commends the efforts and achievements made to date.

Interpretation:

- Further embrace opportunities that expand effective way finding for visitors to the Park. Clear signage at popular trail intersections with consistent nomenclature and delivery (per the Parks Canada Identity Program- Standards and Guidelines- Considerations and Guiding Principles)
- Plan for increased interpretive signs that serve a function to improve or expand the experience offered to visitors.

Visitor Access

- Explore opportunities that might result in better information for visitors. Maps with indications of distance and difficulty at trail heads and intersections;
- Handrails on bridges;
- Promote sites that are easily accessible;
- Adequate parking and toilet facilities at trail heads.

Learning Experiences:

- Review the existing controlled methods of access to backcountry and consider expanding initiatives that would facilitate interpretative opportunities for visitors to experience a greater understanding of the Park and its Heritage;
- Provide destination opportunities. A lake or a view that allows visitors to proceed from the general to the specific. What will be seen, mountain names, history, animals, wildflowers, tree types etc.

Safety

- Continue to provide and expand the current practices that provide visitors with information on recent bear/ cougar activity within trail areas;
- Ensure that safety bulletins always contain emergency telephone numbers;
- Fallen trees cleaned up to reduce risk to visitors;
- Good drainage and footing on trails.

Use of the National Park

- Consider opportunities that allow visitors to active or passively interact in activities that align with historic patterns of use;
- Increase support for not-for-profit agencies and other interests who's activities relate to the protection, preservation and commemoration of historic activities and appropriate patterns of use within the park;
- Continue collaboration with partners to establish a collective recognition of what makes Banff National Park unique and what existing aspects of the natural and human history we have to celebrate and value.

Background

In 1996, by an order of Council, the Town of Banff created the Banff Heritage Corporation. The purpose of the Corporation is to identify, protect, preserve and commemorate Banff's historic resources.

The Heritage Corporation's key activities include:

- encouraging protection and preservation of significant heritage buildings through an incentive based designation program
- facilitating public education and awareness through:
 - a historic building plaque program
 - publication of the Walking Through Banff's History brochure (a collection of 5 self guided walking tours spanning 45 heritage sites of significance in the Banff townsite)
 - an annual Doors Open Banff event

The Board of the Banff Heritage Corporation consists of representatives from the following sectors:

- Public (4)
- Town Council (2 + 1 alternate)
- Parks Canada (1)
- Alberta Association of Architects (1)
- Province of Alberta - Heritage Resource Management Branch (1)
- Town of Banff - Planning & Development (1 staff liaison)

The Banff Heritage Corporation would like to thank Parks Canada for the invitation to provide this submission and participate in the 2011 Banff National Park Planning Forum. We look forward to providing ongoing and active contributions to support Parks Canada's goals and objectives for the conservation and enjoyment of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Banff National Park.