



MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 3, 2014
12:15 PM**

Larry Schneider Board Room, Main Floor, City Hall



**Public Agenda
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
Monday, March 3, 2014**

Approval of Public Agenda

Minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2014

Tabled Reports

MHAC14-4 MHAC14-4 Heritage Awards - Evaluation Criteria Working Group

Recommendation

That a working group, consisting of up to five members of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, be established to evaluate the criteria used for the selection of recipients of the Municipal Heritage Awards.

Communications

MHAC14-5 MHAC14-5 2014 Heritage Saskatchewan Forum & AGM

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

Adjournment

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

AT A MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 12:15 PM

These are considered a draft rendering of the official minutes. Official minutes can be obtained through the Office of the City Clerk once approved.

Present: Joseph Ralko, in the Chair
Councillor John Findura
Donald Black
May P. Chan
Bianca Currie-Poirer
Ray Plosker
Ingrid Thiessen
Victor Thomas

Regrets: Ken Lozinsky
David McLennan
Robert Truszkowski

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Ashley Thompson
Policy Analyst, Liberty Brears

Approval of Public Agenda

Bianca Currie-Poirer moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted.

Adoption of Minutes

Don Black moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on January 6, 2014 be adopted, as circulated.

Other Reports

MHAC14-3 2014 Heritage Saskatchewan Forum & AGM

Recommendation

The purpose of this communication is to have the Committee determine which members will be attending the annual Heritage Saskatchewan Forum & AGM – *The Landscapes of Living Heritage* and authorize a budget for the conference.

Don Black moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that Joe Ralko and Ken Lozinsky be authorized to use the 2014 conference travel allowance of \$3500, and that each member be allocated \$1,800, to attend the 2014 Heritage Saskatchewan Forum and Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon, SK, February 21 & 22, 2014, subject to the provisions of the City's Employee Travel Policy.

MHAC14-4 Heritage Awards – Evaluation Criteria Working Group

Recommendation

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Victor Thomas moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this item be tabled to the March 3, 2014 meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

Adjournment

(May P. Chan left the meeting)

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m. due to loss of quorum.

Chairperson

Secretary

February 10, 2014

To: Members,
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Heritage Awards – Evaluation Criteria Working Group

RECOMMENDATION

That a working group, consisting of up to five members of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, be established to evaluate the criteria used for the selection of recipients of the Municipal Heritage Awards.

CONCLUSION

During the 2014 adjudication process the committee felt that the criteria evaluation should be reviewed.

BACKGROUND

The duties of the MHAC were originally established under City of Regina *Bylaw No. 7018, A Bylaw to Establish a Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee*. In December 1983, City Council adopted a policy to offer public recognition of individuals and organizations in the community whose efforts and initiatives have made significant contributions to heritage conservation. The Municipal Heritage Awards program was initiated in 1984, to be held on an annual basis in conjunction with the celebration of Canada's Heritage Day on the third Monday of February.

The purpose of this report is to establish a working group to review the evaluation criteria for the selection of award recipients.

DISCUSSION

Awards may be presented in any or all of the following categories:

1. Restoration: Revealing, recovering or representing the state of a historic place or of an individual component, as it appeared at a particular period in its history, as accurately as possible, while protecting its heritage value.
2. Preservation: Protecting, maintaining, or stabilizing the existing form, material and integrity of a historic place, or of an individual component, while protecting its heritage value.
3. Rehabilitation: The sensitive adaptation of a historic place or of an individual component for a continuing or compatible contemporary use, while protecting its heritage value. This is achieved through repairs, alterations and/or additions.
4. New Design - Infill: New design which is sympathetic to heritage properties and streetscapes with respect to building scale, height, massing, roofline and finishing materials in existing developed areas or neighbourhoods.
5. New Design - Addition: New design involving a structural addition to an existing heritage building that is sympathetic to or compatible with the original or established building design with respect to scale, height, massing, fenestration, roofline and/or finishing materials.

6. Heritage Open Space: The promotion, restoration and new design of heritage open spaces, sites, monuments and trails.
7. Education: Endeavours which enhance public understanding and appreciation of Regina's heritage. For example: publications, exhibitions, lecture series, tours and plays.
8. George Bothwell Heritage Award for Public Service: Exceptional volunteer involvement and outstanding commitment to heritage activities that enrich community life in Regina.
9. Keith Knox Heritage Award for Youth: This award recognizes the special contribution of non-professionals under the age of 25.

The MHAC has been authorized by City Council to select heritage award recipients; however they may only provide recommendations regarding the evaluation criteria.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

None with respect to this report.

Environmental Implications

Recognition of significant heritage-related projects and personal contributions provides encouragement for future initiatives to restore, preserve and utilize Regina's cultural heritage, which in turn supports broader principles to adapt, re-use and conserve the existing built environment.

Strategic Implications

The Municipal Heritage Awards program responds to the City's Vision and its priority of managing growth and community development, by contributing to the recognition and promotion of initiatives that conserve, utilize, enhance or commemorate Regina's historic built and cultural environment.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Should the criteria change, this will form part of the 2015 communication plans.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The disposition of this report is within the MHAC's authority, changes to the criteria require Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Thompson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ashley Thompson, Secretary
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

LB/MA

March 3, 2014

Purpose of Trip

On behalf of the Regina Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (Regina MHAC), I attended a series of heritage events and meetings in Saskatoon from Feb. 20 to 22, 2014. These included:

- Community Heritage Engagement Forum of the Heritage Saskatchewan Alliance Inc.;
- A community partnership reception hosted by the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation;
- The 10th Annual Saskatchewan Heritage Forum for Municipal Officials hosted by the Heritage Branch of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport; and
- The 2014 Annual General meeting of the Heritage Saskatchewan Alliance Inc.: *The Landscapes of Living Heritage*.

Conclusion

Rather than a tedious report on what I learned at each of the events and meetings, I'll jump to a conclusion and follow with a recommendation/discussion opportunity.

Clearly, the most valuable investment of my time and the City's money was to attend the 10th Annual Heritage Forum for Municipal Officials. The most significant lesson learned, came from the Town of Maple Creek which has instituted a Heritage District (geographic area) and a two-tiered bylaw to "level the playing field" between tax abatements for new construction and renovation/restoration to Heritage Properties, said Royce Pettyjohn, Main Street Project Coordinator in Maple Creek.

He said that under these bylaws, the construction of a new bank in Maple Creek and the renovation of a heritage building within the town's heritage district in 2013 resulted in the same tax load for both!

Recommendations/Discussion

1. I believe the City of Regina, and our subcommittee should learn more about the Maple Creek heritage tax abatement bylaws. I'm not recommending we directly copy the Maple Creek model, but rather explore and present our findings for future consideration.
2. Personally, I am very, very uncomfortable with the Regina MHAC being a member of the Heritage Saskatchewan Alliance Inc. I understand the value of registered, non-profit organizations and charities such as the Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS), the Ukrainian-Canadian Council (UCC) and the Saskatchewan History and Folklore Society joining a group whose primary reason for existence is to be an advocate for heritage which, in some people's minds that means to lobby the provincial government. I understand and respect individuals who want to join this group. However, I am uncomfortable that the City of Regina is a member.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Ralko, Chair
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee