



MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Monday, May 12, 2014
12:15 PM**

Darlene Hincks Committee Room, Main Floor, City Hall



**Public Agenda
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
Monday, May 12, 2014**

Approval of Public Agenda

Minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2014.

Communications

MHAC14-8 Cultural Plan and Cultural Heritage Management Strategy

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

MHAC14-9 Heritage Saskatchewan

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

MHAC14-10 Letter to Justice Sinclair

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

MHAC14-11 Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery Stakeholder Engagement

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

MHAC14-12 Municipal Heritage Awards Working Group Update

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

MHAC14-13 Heritage Saskatchewan Forum 2014

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

Adjournment

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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
May P Chan
Rhonda Lamb
Ken Lozinsky
David McLennan
Ray Plosker
Ingrid Thiessen

Regrets: Donald Black

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Ashley Thompson
Solicitor, Cheryl Willoughby
Manager, Current Planning, Fred Searle
Policy Analyst, Liberty Brears

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Ken Lozinsky moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Ray Plosker moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on March 3, 2014 be adopted.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

MHAC14-6 701 Pinkie Road - Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery

Recommendation

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to amend, as per option 2 of this report, The Cemeteries Bylaw No. 2008-27 to establish the maintenance standard set out in option 2, which would apply to the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery (701 Pinkie Road).
2. That this report be forwarded to the April 16, 2014 meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee; and
3. That this report be forwarded to the May 5, 2014 meeting of City Council.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Mr. Jim Elliot, representing himself;
- Ms. Dawn Rolke and Mr. Bob Ivanochko, representing the Cemetery Commemoration Working Group; and
- Chief Barry Kennedy, representing Carry the Kettle Nakota Nation.

David McLennan moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this report be tabled to the September 8, 2014 meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee.

RECESS

Ken Lozinsky moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED that the Committee recess for 10 minutes.

The committee recessed at 1:45 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 1:55 pm

(Joe Ralko temporarily left the meeting.)

(Ken Lozinsky took the Chair.)

COMMUNICATION

MHAC14-7 Municipal Heritage Awards Working Group Update

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

Ray Plosker moved that this communication be received and filed.

(Joe Ralko returned to the meeting and took the Chair)

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

David McLennan moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary



City of Regina

Memo

May 12, 2014

To: Members,
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Cultural Plan and Cultural Heritage Management Strategy

RECOMMENDATION

That this communication be received and filed.

BACKGROUND

On May 12, 2014, the Administration will provide an overview of the Cultural Plan and the Cultural Heritage Management Strategy. The City of Regina is in the final stages of developing both documents. The City joins leading municipalities in Canada in developing this 10-year Cultural Plan to guide the development of the arts, cultural industries, cultural heritage and cultural diversity. We're now asking that you help us finalize these documents by reviewing the drafts and providing feedback.

On April 15, 2013, the Committee established a Working Group to participate in the development of the Cultural Plan and Cultural Heritage Management Strategy. The Working Group is currently comprised of the following individuals: Joseph Ralko, Don Black, David McLennan, Ingrid Thiessen, and Ray Plosker.

In order to provide meaningful and timely input into the development of both documents, please visit www.designregina.ca/cultural-plan either before or after the MHAC meeting on May 12. Comments are being accepted online within the Goals and Implementation sections. Alternatively, you can download the full files in PDF formats and email your feedback to culturalplan@regina.ca. **Feedback is being accepted until May 16, 2014.**

I hope you'll take this opportunity to contribute to our city's cultural development.

Respectfully submitted,



Liberty Brears
Policy Analyst

cc: Office of the City Clerk



City of Regina

Memo

May 12, 2014

To: Members,
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Heritage Saskatchewan

RECOMMENDATION

That this communication be received and filed.

BACKGROUND

At the Committee's meeting on May 12th, 2014 the President of Heritage Saskatchewan, Jack Walton, will attend to provide members with an opportunity to discuss the development of Heritage Saskatchewan's Community Heritage Network. Ken Alecxe of Alecxe Business Consulting will provide an overview of his report on the Network.

Members will also be provided with a brief overview of recent events organized by Heritage Saskatchewan including:

- The Community Engagement session held on Thursday, February 20th
- The Provincial Engagement workshop on Advocacy/Public Education & Awareness – Finding the Balance held on Friday, February 21st
- The annual Heritage Forum held on Saturday, February 22nd

Members are encouraged to attend and participate in the development of this important Network.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liberty Brears". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Liberty" and last name "Brears" clearly distinguishable.

Liberty Brears
Policy Analyst

cc: Office of the City Clerk

MHAC14-10

Memo

May 12, 2014

To: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Letter to Justice Sinclair

RECOMMENDATION

That this communication be received and filed.

BACKGROUND

Liberty Brears has requested that the letter from Jason Carlston, Executive Director of Community Planning & Development to Justice Sinclair be added to the agenda of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee on May 12, 2014 to facilitate discussion on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley Thompson, Secretary
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

April 22, 2014

Honourable Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair
Chair
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
1500-360 Main Street
WINNIPEG MB R3C 3Z3

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 2014 to His Worship Michael Fougere, Mayor of Regina, regarding the Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery (Cemetery).

First and foremost, please be assured that Mayor Fougere, his Council colleagues and City Administration responsible for this file recognize and take very seriously the importance of respecting the Cemetery and in ensuring its protection and commemoration.

As you are aware, a meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) was held April 7, 2014 to discuss the Cemetery. As per a Motion passed at the meeting, the matter will be considered at the September 8, 2014 MHAC meeting. In the interim, members of the Committee will consider the options presented in the report (attached).

It is important to note that the Cemetery is currently protected under *The Cemeteries Act*; however, City Administration will continue working with and through MHAC to ensure this protection is adequate. The City will consider an application for designation as a Municipal Heritage Property from the owner or an external group with the owners consent. It should be noted however that designation will only ensure controls are in place on maintenance and heritage conservation or development on the site. Heritage designation in and of itself is not a form of commemoration.

Due to the significance and importance of the background, history and cultural sensitivities involved in ensuring the appropriate form of commemoration, we feel it is essential the appropriate individuals, groups and organizations, such as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, lead the commemoration process. The City of Regina will continue to work with and provide support and cooperation to the current community efforts underway to appropriately and respectfully support this initiative.

We look forward to your future involvement in regard to protection and commemoration of the Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery.

Sincerely,



Jason Carlston, Executive Director
Community Planning & Development

Attachment

cc: Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan
His Worship Michael Fougere
Chief Perry Bellegarde, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations
Regina City Council
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee members
Director, Planning
Manager of Government Relations
Manager, Current Planning
Policy Analyst, Current Planning

April 7, 2014

To: Members,
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: 701 Pinkie Road - Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to amend, as per option 2 of this report, *The Cemeteries Bylaw* No. 2008-27 to establish the maintenance standard set out in option 2, which would apply to the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery (701 Pinkie Road).
2. That this report be forwarded to the April 16, 2014 meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee; and
3. That this report be forwarded to the May 5, 2014 meeting of City Council.

CONCLUSION

The maintenance of any cemetery in accordance with applicable municipal standards is the responsibility of the cemetery owner pursuant to *The Cemeteries Act, 1999*. The Administration recommends that a maintenance standard apply to the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery at 701 Pinkie Road and that it should be the same standard used by the City of Regina Parks Maintenance Classes and Guidelines for dryland vegetation management. Accordingly, the Administration recommends that changes to *The Cemeteries Bylaw* No. 2008-27 be made to adopt this standard for application to the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery. The Administration has contacted the owners and they are aware of the implications.

BACKGROUND

On February 27, 2013 the Community and Protective Services Committee considered report CPS13-7 "701 Pinkie Road – Former Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery" and directed the Administration to consult senior levels of Government and report back with an update to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee on the City's options and role with respect to facilitating the commemoration and protection of the cemetery by the end of December 2013.

The Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery is located near the western boundary of the property at 701 Pinkie Road and is approximately 680 square metres in size as shown on Appendices A-1 and A-3. A potential buffer zone around the cemetery has been shown as there may be burials outside of the fence demarcating the cemetery. It is privately owned and was annexed into the City limits from the Rural Municipality of Sherwood in 2009.

The cemetery was established in conjunction with the Regina Indian Industrial School that once stood on the adjacent property. The School was in operation from 1891-1910 and was managed by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada through a contract with the Department of Indian Affairs. The School closed in 1910, was used as the City jail in 1911, and became the Boys Detention House in 1919. The School was destroyed by fire in 1948 and later was replaced by the Paul Dojack Centre.

The property containing the cemetery remained in the ownership of the Federal Government for many years. The Provincial Government acquired the property from the Federal Government in the 1970s before transferring ownership to the private sector in the 1980s.

Buried in the cemetery are the bodies of children from First Nations and Métis communities as well as the children of Reverend Mc. Leod, the school's first principal. In November of 2012, archaeologists from Stantec Ltd. completed a survey, on a *pro bono* basis, within the area demarcated by the fence. Stantec indicated that only half of the cemetery could be surveyed as the blow dirt was too deep to complete the survey on its northern half. While only 22 burials were located on the surveyed portion of the cemetery, Stantec estimated that there may be a total of approximately 40 burials within the fence. The survey did not extend beyond the fence although it is possible that other burials are located outside of these boundaries.

The cemetery is a testament to the history of the Residential School system, its impacts and its legacy. Increasingly, as more documentation surfaces and awareness builds about the schools, we are seeing the provinces, cities and communities across the country act to conserve the historical record so that it is not lost to future generations.

DISCUSSION

The Administration has explored several options for the protection and commemoration of the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery.

Option 1: Remain at Status Quo (Not Recommended)

The City has no legal obligation to undertake any action including protection, maintenance, or commemoration with respect to the cemetery. The cemetery has been provided with a sufficient level of protection under *The Cemeteries Act, 1999*. The City Administration contacted the Ministry of Justice with respect to *The Cemeteries Act* and its application to the cemetery. It was determined that the cemetery has been protected under *The Cemeteries Act* since the Act was enacted (1955) and as a registered cemetery its maintenance is the responsibility of the owners.

The Administration also contacted the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport with respect to *The Heritage Property Act* and its application to the cemetery as an archaeological site. The cemetery was recently recorded as an archaeological site by the Ministry. The cemetery has a certain level of protection under *The Heritage Property Act* as it empowers the Minister to protect the buried remains at an archaeological site should they be disturbed. The Minister could issue an order revoking any permits issued by the City of Regina if the Minister has determined that any development occurring under a municipal development permit is threatening the integrity of the buried remains either inside or outside of the fence. It is the responsibility of the cemetery owners to understand their legal obligations with respect to archaeological sites including the associated fines and penalties.

Option 1 Benefits:

- City does not take on any responsibility for its maintenance.
- City is not obligated to protect buried remains in archaeological sites.

Option 1 Disadvantages:

- Historical significance of the cemetery would not be formally recognized by City Council.

Financial Implications:

- Due to the owner's obligations to maintain the cemetery, the Administration does not recommend undertaking any additional maintenance due to the potential budget implications and the precedent-setting nature that would result.

Option 2: Establish a Maintenance Standard (Recommended)

The Cemeteries Act, 1999 makes it incumbent upon the local municipality to set and enforce the standards for maintenance of the cemetery. Pursuant to section 53 of the Act: "an owner shall maintain the cemetery, including all lots, structures and memorials, in a manner that: (a) ensures the safety of the public; and (b) is compatible with community standards". Therefore, the Administration has identified the following standard for care and maintenance of the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery by the property owners. The standard is based on the City of Regina Parks Maintenance Classes and Guidelines for dryland vegetation management¹.

- The dryland vegetation within the boundaries of the Regina Indian Industrial School cemetery at 701 Pinkie Road, which includes the buffer zone shown on Appendices A-1 and A-3, must be cut a minimum of once per year in late July or early August to a height of 8-10".
- Mow strips must be maintained along the outside of the fence lines and roadway and are to be cut approximately once per month or three times in the growing season (i.e. between June 1st and October 15th) to ensure the area is maintained in a neat and tidy condition.
- Any seeding of grass and forage species should be adapted to Regina's growing conditions.

The primary dryland vegetation management strategy for an unirrigated open space area like this is to reduce the frequency of mowing and increase the height of mowing, in combination with overseeding of grass and forage species adapted to Regina's growing conditions. This approach has been effective in terms of establishing a denser, more aggressive cover of adapted grasses and forbs, resulting in fewer weeds and less need for herbicides. It is not necessary to undertake frequent mowing of the unirrigated, open space as it leads to sparse vegetative cover dominated by weed growth requiring intensive herbicide application. In addition, frequent mowing is expensive due to equipment, labour and fuel costs.

Option 2 Benefits:

- Greater clarification of owner's responsibility to maintain the cemetery.
- Vegetation in and around the cemetery would be maintained.
- City does not take on any responsibility for its maintenance.

Option 2 Disadvantages:

- Historical significance of the cemetery would not be formally recognized by City Council.

Financial Implications:

- Due to the owner's obligations to maintain the cemetery, the Administration does not recommend undertaking any additional maintenance due to the potential budget implications and the precedent-setting nature that would result.

¹ City of Regina internal website:

http://cms1/Community_Planning_and_Development/open_space_mgmt/ServicesGuide/Parks_Maint_2/dryland_vegetation.html

Option 3: Designate the property as a Municipal Heritage Property (Not recommended)

The Heritage Property Act provides City Council with the authority to designate any property as a Municipal Heritage Property (MHP). Designation of the cemetery as a MHP would serve to recognize it as a historic place by Council and provide it with further legal protection necessary to ensure its conservation. The City is not required to have the owner's consent or to provide compensation under *The Heritage Property Act* and Council may decide whether it is reasonable to use this authority.

However, further research is needed to support the designation. According to *The Heritage Property Act* the MHP bylaw must contain an accurate legal description of all property, which would include any potential buffer zones. Unfortunately, the full extent of the burial area has not been determined and bodies may be buried outside of the fence. The Administration does not have the technical expertise or funds to investigate below-ground burials. However, the owners or a group with an interest in the site could hire the necessary expertise. It should be noted that any physical investigations on the property must be conducted with the owner's consent.

The value of the cemetery to the First Nations and Métis communities also needs to be better understood. This may be a significant undertaking as the students of the School originated from many different reserves as far away as Manitoba. An outreach and social action committee of the First Presbyterian Church and Knox-Metropolitan Church are in the process of contacting representatives of reserves that had students who attended the School. This work may lead to better understanding of the cemetery's value and how it should be protected.

If the property was designated as a MHP then the owner would be required to obtain prior written consent from the City before the property is developed. The Administration could then review any proposed work to ensure it does not have a negative affect on the cemetery or its setting (e.g. burials, gravestones, landscape features) and that landscaping or development in the buffer zone is appropriately designed. This could be determined by reviewing the work according to the guidelines in the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, which were adopted by Council as part of the Official Community Plan.

Option 3 Benefits:

- City Council formally recognizes the cultural and/or historical value of the cemetery.
- Property is flagged for further consideration under *The Heritage Property Act* should the City receive a Building or Development Permit application.
- City can ensure any work on the property does not have a negative affect on the cemetery or its setting, and can establish guidelines for the design of the buffer zone.
- City does not take on responsibility for its maintenance.

Option 3 Disadvantages:

- City Council could not properly consider MHP designation now because there is not enough information on the full extent of the burial area and its value to First Nations communities.

Financial Implications:

- If Council determines that MHP designation is the appropriate course of action there would be financial implications associated with the costs of conducting the remaining research. The Administration does not recommend hiring a research consultant due to the potential budget implications and precedent-setting nature that would result. The Administration also does not have the appropriate expertise and/or relationships with the stakeholders involved to carry out the necessary undertakings required in pursuing designation.

Option 4: Apply for Provincial Heritage Property designation (Not recommended)

The City Administration also met with representatives from the Ministry of Government Relations and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport to discuss the role of these Ministries in securing further protection of the cemetery. *The Heritage Property Act* empowers the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport to designate any provincially-significant property as a Provincial Heritage Property (PHP).

Designation as a PHP serves to recognize the values of a historic place and provide it with the legal protection necessary to ensure its conservation. The owner of a PHP must obtain prior written consent from the Minister for any alterations that will potentially affect the property's character-defining elements.

The City Administration considered making an application to designate the cemetery as a PHP. However, it is unlikely that the application would be accepted. The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport advised that "both the City and the Province have similar ability to designate the property should they chose to do so, but where formal designation is deemed desirable, the properties have usually been designated as a Municipal Heritage Property (MHP)." Most cemeteries in Saskatchewan have, in fact, been designated municipally, as indicated by the number of designations below:

- 21 cemeteries in Saskatchewan are designated as MHP and none are designated as PHP.
- 10 properties with archaeological or paleontological value are designated as MHP.
- 5 properties with archaeological or paleontological value are designated as PHP including Wanuskewin and Petite Ville (a former Métis settlement).

Option 4 Benefits:

- Enables the Minister to formally recognize the historical significance of the cemetery, control design of the buffer zone, and require that any future development does not have a negative affect on the cemetery or its setting.

Option 4 Disadvantages:

- An application for PHP designation would be incomplete given the full extent of the burials has not been determined. Regardless, PHP designation probably would not be supported.

Financial Implications:

- If PHP designation is determined to be the appropriate course of action there would be significant financial implications associated with the costs of conducting the remaining research. The Administration does not recommend hiring a research consultant due to the potential budget implications and precedent-setting nature that would result. The Administration also does not have the appropriate expertise and/or relationships with the stakeholders involved to carry out the necessary undertakings required in pursuing PHP designation.

Option 5: Commemorate the Cemetery

While commemoration of the lives of the deceased children buried in the cemetery is an important and respectful act, this is not something that should be led by the City. Due to the sensitivity of the situation, it should be led by those that were affected by the operation of the Regina Indian Industrial School including the families of the deceased children.

Option 4 Benefits:

- The City could support the affected First Nations or Métis communities or other organizations such as the Presbyterian Church by identifying potential sources of funding.

Option 4 Disadvantages:

- The 2014 application deadlines have passed for the majority of grant funding available from the City's Community Investment Grant Program. However, applications for grants to support special events taking in the fall of 2014 could be received by early May.

Financial Implications:

- The Administration does not recommend undertaking any commemorative works due to the potential budget implications and the precedent-setting nature that would result.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The owner is obligated to maintain the cemetery. Therefore, if options 1 or 2 are pursued (i.e. status quo or maintenance standards), the Administration does not recommend undertaking any additional maintenance due to the potential budget implications and the precedent-setting nature that would result.

If options 3 or 4 are considered to be the appropriate course of action (i.e. designation as a heritage property) then the Administration does not recommend hiring a research consultant due to the potential budget implications and precedent-setting nature that would result. The research should be conducted by the owner or a group with an interest in the cemetery.

If option 5 is pursued in addition to any of the options, then the Administration can direct applicants to potential sources of funding for commemorative activities.

Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

If options 3 or 4 are chosen, then designation of the property flags the property for further consideration under *The Heritage Property Act* should the City of Regina receive a Building or Development Permit application.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Administration will collaborate with organizations by providing information on the cemetery or by identifying potential sources of funding for further work. Representatives from the Provincial Ministries mentioned in this report have indicated that they are interested in getting involved with any opportunities for commemoration and that they could identify potential sources of funding. The consequent course of action will depend upon the outcomes of this discussion.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Further to the recommendation that City Council establish a maintenance standard for the cemetery (option 2), City Council approval is required to adopt the proposed bylaw amendment to The Cemeteries Bylaw No. 2008-27.

If Municipal Heritage Property designation is determined to be the appropriate course of action (option 3), then pursuant to section 11 of *The Heritage Property Act*, the authority to designate Municipal Heritage Property, by bylaw, will rest with City Council.

If Provincial Heritage Property designation (option 4) or a City-led commemoration (option 5) is to be pursued, then the direction to pursue these options is within the authority of City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Hawryluk, Director
Planning Department

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Carlston, Executive Director
Community Planning and Development

Report prepared by:
Liberty Brears, Policy Analyst

MHAC14-11

Memo

May 12, 2014

To: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery Stakeholder Engagement

RECOMMENDATION

That this communication be received and filed.

BACKGROUND

Joe Ralko, has requested that a verbal update on the Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery Stakeholder Engagement be added to the agenda of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee on May 12, 2014 to facilitate discussion on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley Thompson, Secretary
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

MHAC14-12

Memo

May 12, 2014

To: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Municipal Heritage Awards Working Group Update

RECOMMENDATION

That this communication be received and filed.

BACKGROUND

Ray Plosker, has requested that an update from the Municipal Heritage Awards working group be added to the agenda of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee on May 12, 2014 to facilitate discussion on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley Thompson, Secretary
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Report on Attendance at 2014 Heritage Saskatchewan Forum

A. Introduction

Along with Joe Ralko, I represented the City of Regina Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC), at the 2014 Heritage Saskatchewan Forum in Saskatoon on February 21 and 22 .

B. Sessions Attended and Observations

Unfortunately, due to a bad cold I was not able to attend the sessions on Thursday, February 20th, which dealt with Community Engagement or the Thursday evening social sponsored by Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation at St John's Church. I understand both sessions were well received and enjoyed by those who attended.

February 21:

I was able to catch the latter part of the Municipal Forum in the morning of Friday, February 21st, which dealt with Downtown Revitalization in various Saskatchewan communities: Joe Ralko has provided an overview of this session.

In the afternoon, I attended the session on Provincial Engagement, which dealt with Advocacy/Public Education & Awareness - Finding the Balance, which was facilitated by Gloria DeSantis, an Instructor at The University of Regina. While this session was very interesting and we received a workbook with valuable information, it was mostly geared to non-profit and charitable organizations.

There was an interesting presentation by the Museums Association which talked about their audit by the Canadian Revenue Agency to ensure they were not in contravention of the Lobbying Act.

The Friday evening banquet and presentation featured Connie Kaldor, who spoke and sang about the importance of music in recognizing and preserving heritage. It was a very enjoyable and humorous presentation which showed how music is a critical part of our heritage in Saskatchewan.

February 22:

The day started with the Annual General Meeting of Heritage Saskatchewan, which saw several changes in the Board plus re-election of Liberty Brears to the Board for another two year term - congratulations!

This was then followed by a plenary session led by Lisa Prosper, from the Willowbank Cultural Landscape Centre, dealing with "Cultural Landscapes" or "Heritage Landscapes"; there were also three panellists including Patricia Glanville, Nathan Friesen, and Lenore Swystun. The presenter and panellists all focused on a relatively new term - cultural landscapes, which try to ensure that people consider culture and cultural

heritage influences and are influenced by nature and our natural heritage. Cultural landscapes are "lived" and landscapes are always being shaped and changed; people are part of the landscape. The point was made that we need to think about "living heritage".

After lunch there was an enjoyable plenary dealing with "Intangible Cultural Heritage" led by Dale Jarvis from the Province of Newfoundland/Labrador, and three panellists, Rodger Ross, Connie Logan, and Vince Murphy. The main message from all presenters was the role that "stories", oral history and traditions passed on from generation to generation plays in our cultural heritage.

While important with First Nations & Métis people, story-telling and oral history is also important with many other people and ethnic groups. Stories from Newfoundland about "ugly sticks", stories from rural Saskatchewan, the "Shonakees" (story tellers) in Ireland, stories from your grandparents, etc. all play a role in shaping our cultural history. If folks ever have an opportunity to hear Dale Jarvis speak, I highly recommend it!

C. Observations/Recommendations re: Continued Participation in Heritage Saskatchewan

There has been some discussion within the MHAC about whether it is appropriate for Regina MHAC to continue to have an annual membership in Heritage Saskatchewan. This is now the 3rd Heritage Saskatchewan Forum which I have attended; two representing MHAC. I have found all of the Forums to be very interesting and busy. The displays are informative and the networking amongst all members of the heritage community in Saskatchewan is invaluable.

I note that Saskatoon MHAC is also a full member of Heritage Saskatchewan while the City of Saskatoon holds an associate membership which means that they have no voting rights at the AGM. Being a full member of Heritage Saskatchewan also means that MHAC qualifies for a reduced annual membership rate with Heritage Canada (the national organization representing heritage interests).

While Heritage Saskatchewan receives most of its annual funding from the province through lottery funding, it does not promote itself as a lobbying organization with government. I can understand where provincial government ministries and agencies may perceive having a potential conflict of interest by participating in Heritage Saskatchewan, but I do not think that the same holds true for the Regina's MHAC, as we are not a provincial entity. For the above reasons, I would recommend that Regina MHAC continue to hold an annual membership in Heritage Saskatchewan.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent City of Regina MHAC at the 2014 Heritage Saskatchewan Forum

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Lozinsky