

**MINUTES** of a Meeting of the **HISTORIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, held on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
at 12:00 p.m., City Hall Meeting Room 447, with the following in attendance:

**HPAC MEMBERS:** George Kuhl (Chair), Andrea Cuellar, Stephen Deppisch and Miranda Grol  
**CITY OF LETHBRIDGE:** Ross Kilgour, Crystal Scheit and Cidnee Lorenz (Recorder)  
**APPLIED STUDIES STUDENT:** Hannah Laberge

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

“The City of Lethbridge acknowledges that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pays respect to the Blackfoot people, past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land. The City of Lethbridge is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.”

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

S. Deppisch moved that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- 6. a. and 6. e. to be combined
- 6. e. China Town Plaque – New Location
- 6. f. Mani Opera Society

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

S. Deppisch moved that the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, minutes be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- a. Whitney Block (411 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.) – Site Visit – R. Kilgour will send out a Doodle Poll with date options.
- b. Provincial Grant Funding – Information was circulated to the committee this morning via e-mail.
- c. Croskery Ryland (609 – 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.) Subdividing Lot – R. Kilgour advised the owner that the committee does not object to subdivision of 609 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.
- d. Bentley Block (118 5<sup>th</sup> St. S.) Roof – Intervention Approval has been issued.
- e. HPAC Budget Update/HMP Follow-On Work:
  - S. Deppisch moved that the Historic Places Advisory Committee (HPAC) allocate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to the Battle of the Belly River project. In addition, fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) currently allocated to the Heritage Management Plan Update be reallocated to the Heritage Management Plan Follow-On work.

**CARRIED**

**6. AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Lethbridge Hotel Update and Incentive Discussion (C. Scheit):
  - Lethbridge Hotel Update - The hotel was turned back over to the property owner on March 15<sup>th</sup> and demolition rests with them. The City has shared the status with Occupational Health and Safety, Alberta Health Services and Alberta Environment and should the demolition process take time, The City in conjunction with OH & S may intervene to alleviate any life safety concerns.

- Incentive Discussion:
  - The Urban Core Property Improvement Grant was approved in the prior CIP by Council and was fully utilized. This was brought forward to Council in the fall and additional funding was not approved.
  - Available grants include Targeted Redevelopment Improvement Program (TRIP), Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and the Business Improvement Loan.
  - R. Kilgour – Circulate a copy of the Urban Core Property Improvement Grant for committee review.

b. HPAC Status and Terms of Reference:

- The proposed HPAC Terms of Reference and direction to formalize HPAC as a Committee of Council was presented to the Governance Standing Policy Committee and was defeated.
- R. Kilgour will keep the committee informed as to when these items will go to City Council.

c. Oliver Block Ribbon Plaque Quote and Proof – For Approval:

- A. Cuellar moved that the Historic Places Advisory Committee approve the Behrends quote in the amount of \$425.32 for the Oliver Block Ribbon Quote.

CARRIED

d. Applied Studies Students – Draft Statement of Significance McKillop Church (2329 15 Avenue S.) (H. Laberge):

- The draft Statement of Significance was presented.
- Add follow-up discussion to May's agenda.

e. China Town Plaque – New Location:

- R. Kilgour has reached out to P. Stein along with the Lethbridge Historical Society and is waiting to hear if they have any suggestions for a new location.
- The committee suggests waiting to reinstall the plaque until the building has been demolished and site remediation has taken place.

f. Manie Opera Society:

- Based on extensive fire damage, F. Shaw recommends approval for demolition of the building and infilling of back lot.
- S. Deppisch moved that the Historic Places Advisory Committee does not recommend that City Council direct Administration to issue an Intervention Approval for demolition at this time. If there is even a remote chance of it being salvaged that would be the committee's preference.

CARRIED

- R. Kilgour will write a request for decision to City Council and include HPAC's advice to Council.

## 7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- C. Lorenz will send out a Doodle Poll for May meeting dates.

## 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER ROUND TABLE:

- A. Cuellar – Applied Studies Students – Future Plans?
  - Submissions should be made by the end of May.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>R. KILGOUR:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitney Block (411 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.) Send out site visit date doodle poll.</li> <li>• Circulate a copy of the Urban Core Property Improvement Grant for committee review.</li> <li>• HPAC Status and Terms of Reference - Inform the committee of City Council date.</li> <li>• Oliver Block Ribbon Plaque Quote and Proof – Proceed with work.</li> <li>• SOS McKillop Church (2329 15 Avenue S.) – Add follow-up discussion to May agenda.</li> <li>• Manie Opera Society - Write a request for decision to City Council and include HPAC's advice to Council.</li> <li>• Applied Studies Students - Submissions should be made by the end of May.</li> </ul>
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## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.