



# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

## HERITAGE COMMISSION

### MINUTES

#### Regular Meeting of February 8, 2010 – 9:00 am City Hall – Council Chambers

**Present:** J. Drysdale  
B. Kerby  
K. Gresley-Jones  
V. Profili

Stacey Lightbourne/  
Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9.25 am

**Agenda:** Moved by V. Profili / Seconded by B. Kerby

THAT the agenda for The Heritage Commission meeting held February 8, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

**Minutes** Moved by V. Profili / Seconded by B. Kerby

THAT the minutes for the Heritage Commission meeting held January 11, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

#### 1. Regular Business

- I. Development of SoS (Statement of Significance) for buildings in Rossland.
  - The Heritage Registry was circulated to the Commission.
  - Copy of the Miner's Hall SoS was also provided and highlighted
  - J. Drysdale expressed concern about including only commercial (and not residential) buildings in the Heritage Registry – that the registry is not complete.
  - J. Drysdale: Can Council rely on data/registry to influence demolition plans for heritage buildings sites. (There's a 60-day cooling off period if there's been an SOS.)
  - J. Drysdale: Is there a bylaw? (The bylaw simply lists sites and Commercial buildings.)
  - J. Drysdale: Is it sufficient? What sites are in the bylaw? (Answer forthcoming)
  - Is the bylaw a regulatory tool for renovations and improvement works?
  - Suggested that the Commission conduct an SoS for the Bank of Montreal Building
- II. Discussion on how to create the SoS for the Bank of Montreal:
  - Aesthetic:

- Construction techniques of the era – early use of steel reinforcement in concrete
- Architectural standards of the era
- Interior supporting materials: bricks (GILPIN)/mortar, lathe and plastic
- Enduring exterior
- Why is an SoS for the Bank of Montreal important?
  - Most prominent commercial building on Columbia Ave in the downtown core
  - Architecturally unique
  - Major financial institution
  - Use of locally sourced materials: granite
  - 4 level building
  - Fire safe in an era of routine wide spread loss of buildings by fire
- Cultural influence
  - Provided local lending (not limited to real estate)
  - Symbolized Rule of Law (RoL)
  - Symbolic of economy and commerce at the time of construction
  - Symbolized confidence in the future
  - Consolidated industry
- Social
  - Local landmark and reference point
- The “How” – Character Defining Elements (CDE)
  - Landmark location/corner lot centre of town
  - Focal point for downtown and community
  - Contains time capsule
  - 4 level building
  - Bank of Montreal lettering on exterior
- Conclusion: Should conduct SoS and CDE for all important buildings in Rossland
- Jackie to draft SoS for Bank of Montreal, Post Office SoS next?

2. Adjournment at 11:30 am. Next regular meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2010.

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M. Maturo, Recording Secretary