

**City of Chilliwack**  
**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 – 3:00 pm**  
**Dogwood Room**

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**Council Members:**

Councillor Nicole Read, Chair  
Councillor Bud Mercer, Vice-Chair

**Heritage Advisory Committee:**

Ray Ramey, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association  
Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society  
Krista Butt, Heritage Chilliwack Society, President  
Tristan Evans, Community Member (Chilliwack Museum)  
Allison Colthorp, Executive Director, Tourism Chilliwack

**City Staff:**

Reuben Koole, Manager of Long Range Planning  
Madelaine Peters, Senior Planner  
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

Brian Burr, Richlane Builders  
Dr. David Schaepe, Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre  
Jon Kinneman, Algra Brothers Developments  
Gillian Villeneuve, Director of Planning

**Guests:**

Hugh McLean, Consultant, McLean Heritage, Planning and Consulting  
Susan Medville, Consultant, Mountain Heritage Consulting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Read was Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm and provided territorial acknowledgement.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved /       )   That the Agenda for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday,  
Seconded     (   September 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved /       )   That the Minutes for the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday,  
Seconded     (   June 1, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**4. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATION**

Jim Harris, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society, experienced technical difficulties; and therefore, had to leave the meeting at 3:10 pm.

**1. Heritage Interest Inventory Update**

Hugh McLean, McLean Heritage Planning and Consulting and Susan Medville, Mountain Heritage Consulting, were in attendance to provide the initial presentation of findings with respect to the Heritage Interest Inventory Update and a brief introduction of the Thematic Framework.

Through continued field review, the consultants gave an update of the progress and findings to date at the inventory preparation stage. A comprehensive review of Chilliwack's 1991 Heritage Inventory was undertaken to determine what buildings and sites retain heritage value and make recommendations for an updated inventory.

An overview of the preliminary work completed to-date and next steps were presented, including:

- Inventory vs Register
- Heritage Designation
- Initial Findings: Verification & Documentation
  - 133 located on 129 sites
  - 37 demolished buildings with 2 recently relocated
  - 94 resources remain for further assessment
- Demolitions - recent and pending
- Recent relocations
- Integrity Assessment – examples
- Evaluation Criteria

The next steps include finalizing the evaluation criteria and preparing a draft report to present to HAC in December, 2023.

The consultants noted the Thematic Framework is a tool that assists with the selection and interpretation of heritage sites for a community. In the 1991 Heritage Inventory for Chilliwack, the theme of Habitation represents the majority of the sites, primarily documenting European settlement, followed by Developing Economies, Transportation, Governance and Social and Community Life. The 1991 Inventory does not cover the themes of Landscapes, First Nations, and Arts and Culture.

An enquiry was made with respect to whether consideration has been given to include military history in the 1991 Inventory given Chilliwack's strong and long military history. The consultants noted military history will be included in the Thematic Framework.

Chair Read and Vice-Chair Mercer thanked the consultants for the informative presentation.

Moved /       ) That the presentation with respect to the Heritage Interest Inventory Update  
Seconded    ( be received for information.

Carried unanimously

Hugh McLean and Susan Medville left the meeting at 3:38 pm.

**5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

**1. HSAP Dashboard – Committee Roundtable Updates**

At the last meeting, members were asked to share about what actions they are aware of or supporting through their respective work, interests, and/or organizations. The updates provided are summarized in the attachment to these minutes.

Chair Read thanked the Committee for their valuable input.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**7. INFORMATION**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023 in the Dogwood Room.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved/ ) There being no further business, the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting adjourned  
Seconded ( at 3:58 pm.

Carried unanimously

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Councillor Nicole Read, Chair