



REGINA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

TOPIC: TABLED MOTION RE HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATION

FORUM	AGENDA ITEMS	INTENT
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BACKGROUND

At the June 18, 2013, regular meeting of the Regina Board of Education, Trustee Young moved to table the request from the École Connaught School Community Council for support of heritage designation for École Connaught Community School in order to obtain more information.

CURRENT STATUS

Attached is information relative to the process for designating heritage properties, the consequences associated therewith, and grants available for renovations should heritage designation occur.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board not pursue a heritage designation for École Connaught Community School at this time.

PREPARED BY	DATE	ATTACHMENTS
Julie MacRae, Director of Education	September 20, 2013	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



August, 2013

Heritage Property Designation

Background:

Additional information pertaining to “designation” of properties for heritage purposes was requested by the Board. Information on this subject has been collected from provincial and municipal agencies and is attached. Information includes:

- “Designating a Heritage Property” (Parks, Culture and Sport)
 - Provides general information on the two types of designations (provincial and municipal) provided for under *The Heritage Property Act*.
 - Of note is that once designated, the owner of a property must obtain Ministerial consent (in the case of a provincial designation) or municipal council to make any alteration that affect the property’s heritage character-defining elements.
- “For Heritage Property Owners” (Parks, Culture and Sport)
 - Provides FAQ’s for property owners considering an application of designation
- *The Heritage Property Act* <http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=558>
 - Legislation that provides the framework for preserving heritage property in Saskatchewan.
- City of Regina “Municipal Heritage Holding Bylaw”
 - Under its Municipal Heritage Holding Bylaw (attached) the City maintains about 300 potential heritage properties protected against demolition or significant changes under a 60-day holding period. The following excerpt assists in explaining the purpose of the Bylaw and is from a City report addressing a property listed under this bylaw:

The Heritage Holding Bylaw is used as a planning tool to provide a valuable record of Regina’s heritage. In addition, the City has adopted a number of policies and guidelines which affect properties that are listed under the bylaw. Essentially, it provides the City with an opportunity to further examine the heritage value of a listed property and to conclusively determine if Municipal Heritage Property designation is warranted.
 - Three RPS schools are included as part of this Bylaw: Davin, Thomson and Balfour (the former Regina Public School Board Office (1860 Lorne St.) is also on the list, however RPS no longer owns that building). These properties are not formally “designated heritage properties”.
- City of Regina “Municipal Heritage Designation” process
 - A Municipal Heritage Designation requires a formal review process (attached - “Review process for designation of municipal heritage properties”)
 - There are about 60 “designated heritage properties” in Regina
 - RPS has no schools as “designated heritage properties”
- Most heritage grant funding opportunities appear to require a formal designation of the property by the owner in order to apply.
- Many of the City of Regina heritage incentives are tax relief-based. This would provide no benefit to RPS as educational properties are tax exempt.
- Heritage designations relinquish the Board’s control over decisions with respect to school buildings to third parties (municipal or provincial) and their constituents.
- From an RPS perspective, heritage designation would only be beneficial for consideration in the circumstance of a viable long-term renovation project.