CITY OF LETHBRIDGE

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT

PHASE ONE: SURVEY

Continuation Final Report

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1 - INTRODUCTION

The City of Lethbridge's Municipal Heritage Partnership Program (MHPP) Project Continuation is complete and submitted with this report. With completion, Phase One, the 'Survey of Historic Places,' has begun to lay the foundation for all future heritage work.

The official start-up and training session was held on December 6, 2004. At the session, concerns were voiced regarding timeline verses project scope, as 2000+ sites in 3 months seemed a bit daunting; however, staff and volunteer moral was high, so the project was officially launched on that day.

Our first task was to conduct a thorough review of the work completed last winter/spring. This included finding and correcting any/all loose-ends (incomplete forms, missing photographs, missing information etc.), and formulating an attack plan on the re-surveying of old areas, and how to best canvas the new ones. This attack plan broke the City down into different survey areas (primarily a 'previous zone' a 'north zone' and a 'south zone').

Unfortunately, the month following start-up saw a slow start to the project. The holidays and weather kept fieldworkers in-doors, but by January fieldwork had begun en masse. The staff worked exceptionally hard and covered an astounding amount of territory.

Community and volunteer support was noticeably strong – feverishly they helped with form completion, photo-collation, and supplemental histories. Throughout the entire process this vital support never diminished.

In a relatively short amount of time, the dedicated staff and volunteers were able to complete the field survey of over 2,200 sites. This exceptional number coupled with the Community's enthusiasm made the project an overwhelming success.

The following serves as a brief review of the past (very active) few months. It, as any report, cannot be fully encompassing. In that regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime for clarification or any extended details that may be required.

2 - DETAILED REVIEW

2.1 - Survey Area & Details

The survey area included a portion of the City of Lethbridge¹

Population in 2001	67,374
Total private dwellings	29,277
Population density per square km	553.0
Land area (square km)	121.83
Number of dwellings constructed before 1991	22,580
Number of dwellings constructed between 1991 and 2001	4,550

In addition to the **29, 277** private dwellings, applicable commercial buildings, commercial/residential outbuildings, and all structures were evaluated against survey criteria. The result was a potential survey area in **excess of 30,000** structures that fit survey criteria.

2.1.1 - Continuation Goals/Tasks

It was proposed that a Project team, comprised of Consultant(s), staff and volunteers would:

- 1. Survey up to 2500 additional sites (field-notes and photography). Including:
 - o Staffordville.
 - o Hardeville.
 - o 13th St. North Business District.
 - o Any/all remaining 'Previously Inventoried' sites.
 - Any additional pertinent sites: as deemed by City staff, Historically Society, Project Architect, volunteers, Alberta Community Development, etc.
- 2. Complete historic research on surveyed sites
- 3. Complete Site Forms
- 4. Complete additional research for Places of Interest
- 5. Prepare final document for submission to Alberta Community Development and to the City.

¹ 2001 Census records received from: Statistics Canada: www.statscan.ca. Specifically via "Community Profiles" http://www12.statcan.ca/english/profil01/PlaceSearchForm1.cfm

2.1.2 - Additional Goals/Tasks

Additional work/tasks for the MHPP: Phase One Continuation would include:

- 1. New Project Planning
- 2. Detailed Coordination & Management
- 3. Training
 - Training Sessions (and refresher sessions) as necessary for volunteers and staff
- 4. Interim reporting
- 5. Document review
- 6. Places of Interest identification
- 7. Final Reporting

2.2 - Project Team

Consultants:

- 1. Michael Dougherty Prime Consultant
 - Training, Planning and General Management
 - Advisory
 - Site Inspection/Cross-check previously completed sites
 - o Document Review/Evaluation/Preparation
 - Final Report
- 2. Robert Hirano Sub-Consultant
 - Architectural Guidance and Assistance
 - Heritage Consultation for <u>Places of Interest</u>
- 3. Jean Johnstone Sub-Consultant
 - Project Coordination & Planning
 - Volunteer Coordination
 - Staff Management
 - Research
 - Document Completion
 - Local Heritage Consultant

Staff:

Staff was hired in as Sub-Consultants (under M. Dougherty). While technically Sub-Consultants, they functioned as project/community staff, whose duties included:

- Fieldwork
 - o Up to 2500 sites
- Office Work
 - o Document Completion
 - o Complete Forms
 - o Collate and attach photographs
 - o Collate any tax roll/GIS/historic info
 - Volunteer Coordination
 - o Clerical

Staff Members:

- Karen Neufeld
- 2. Lana Lonseth

Volunteers:

The project maintained a group of seven active volunteers, whose duties included:

- Photograph numbering and collation
- Form/Document Completion
- Historic input/consultation

Volunteer Pool:

- 1. Irma Dogterom
- 2. Bill Lingard
- 3. Helen Kovacs
- 4. Mary Thomson
- 5. Anne Dunford
- 6. Audrey Swedish
- 7. Grant Lonseth

2.3 - Methodology

This survey was planned to be a thorough examination of several predetermined areas within the City. It was designed to precisely identify available historic resources, and involved historic research and a systematic inspection and documentation of all surveyed properties.

Early-on it was decided that Jean Johnstone would play the primary role in management and coordination. Her approach was to established clear goals and guidelines while respecting the expertise of the collective staff. In addition she implemented a high level of organization which was maintained throughout the project.

2.3.1 - Initial Planning

The initial work-planning was very basic. Our first step was to organize and review the project to date. Second was to conduct fieldwork, and begin preparing completed site forms. Third was to add any necessary research – for current and/or previously surveyed sites. The final step was a review of completed documents, and the preparation of the final report.

2.3.2 - Organization & Project Review

As a part of the initial planning, this was designed to organize and cleanup any problems leftover from the first stage of the survey. This included finding any missing pieces of data (forms, photographs and/or research) and collating those onto new site forms.

This portion of the project was a little larger than anticipated. As a result many additional hours were put into "clean-up." However this extra work did not detract or alter the original project scope.

2.3.3 - Fieldwork & Area Review

There were two fieldwork goals to accomplish in this continuation: 1) review of completed fieldwork; 2) additional and/or new fieldwork.

The detailed planning broke the City down into three different survey areas: the review or Previous Zone; and the two new survey areas, broken down geographically as the North Zone and the South Zone.

The *Previous Zone* was taken on a site-by-site basis – re-surveying sites as necessary. When anomalies were found in the previous work, the resurveying of the site is assigned to field-staff. New field-notes and/or new photographs were then added to the existing materials.

The North and South Zones represent the new survey areas. These were broken down into smaller more workable areas (typically by street or neighbourhood), and assigned to field-staff.

2.3.4 - Site Inspection & Photography

Methodology instructed that fieldworkers must visit each assigned site or site within a defined area. They used visual inspection to assess the structures. Structures within the project scope were then recorded.

Fieldworkers used the *Field Guide: Code Book* to make detailed fieldnotes. As photography was concurrent with site inspection, fieldworkers were also required to take two photographs of every site they inspect.

The information that was gathered was then to be entered onto official site forms by the fieldworkers who inspected the site. These completed forms were to be filed, waiting to be collated with photographic prints and research.

2.3.5 - Research

The preferred method would have included an in-depth study of each site; however, time and volume requirements resulted in an extremely cursory historical examination. This limited research to local history books, maps (fire insurance), and Historical Society records/input. These sources did offer some good information; however, a majority of the historical information was taken from the City Tax Assessment and Previous Inventories.

2.3.6 - Form Completion

Site form completion is essentially the collating of three different items: field-notes, photography and research. This information was collated and then formally entered onto original site forms.

All items were handled very systematically to facilitate form completion as an on-going effort – forms and photography passed from fieldworkers to the central office to volunteers and back to the office. Each stage added vital information and/or photographs to the survey documents.

2.4 - Survey Completion

This Phase (*Continuation**) is complete. The completed survey document contains total numbers as follows:

Phase One: Initial Survey: ~2500

*Phase One: Continuation Survey: 2236

Totals: ~4,736

2.4.1 - Demolished Sites

This current survey has been evaluated against the previous Heritage Inventories conducted in the 1970's and 1980's. The preliminary count identified 341 sites as demolished since these previous *Heritage Inventories*.

The majority of these demolished sites appear to be from in-and-around the commercial areas of the city. Otherwise demolished sites are widely dispersed throughout residential and industrial areas.

While at first glance the number (341) seems startling, it is offset by the sheer heritage density found within the City. It is certainly an unfortunate number; however, there is still a depth of heritage found within the community – more than worthy of preservation.

2.5 - Volunteer, Partnership & P.R. Report

The project volunteers played an active and dedicated role in the project. Volunteers were used in every aspect from supplying historical information to photograph collation/numbering to form completion.

The leading project partner was the Lethbridge Historical Society, with the majority of volunteers drawn from this group. The Society was also instrumental in the delivery of the historical information that informed the project.

In addition to the active volunteer pool, field-staff and managerial staff continued on with the project long after their contracted hours had been completed – adding many additional hours of volunteer work to the project. This dedication illustrates the overall Community support, and the acknowledged importance of such a project.

Volunteer Hours:

Irma Dogterom: 31.25 hours

Bill Lingard: 53.25 hours

Helen Kovacs: 13 hours

Mary Thomson: 14.5 hours

Anne Dunford: 11 hours

Audrey Swedish: 9 hours

Grant Lonseth: 60 hours

Jean Johnstone: 293.75 hours

Karen Neufeld: 49.5 hours

Lana Lonseth: 40 hours

Total: 575.25

2.5.1 - Public Relations

Project Public Relations included:

- 1. The delivery of project handouts/surveys; promotional material
- 2. One-on-one interaction between staff and property owners
- 3. Two newspaper articles (Lethbridge Herald)
- 4. An extensive media release, including a televised news feature

These varying channels helped promote the project within the Community – garnering support and elevating visibility. In addition and as a direct result, individuals came forward offering much needed volunteer assistance.

3 - PLACES OF INTEREST

This list is only a brief overview of the project's findings. It is intended to exhibit the heritage and possibilities found within the community. It is not intended to be all encompassing, or a thorough project review. However, it can act as a starting point/guide for any future MHPP or HPI related projects.

LOCATION: civic address or location within town

NAME: common name of structure.

WHY: reasoning - these are catchall generalizations, and can signify importance at any level. For simplicity, broken into three categories:

- A) Architectural
- H) Historic
- C) Cultural

For detailed information please see related Site Forms/Document.

LOCATION	NAME	WHY
River valley & coulee west	C.P.R. High Level Bridge	A/H
River valley & coulee east/west	Galt Mine #8	H/C
99 – Botteril Bottom Rd	Pump House	A/H
2921 - Parkside Dr. S.	Mayor Andy Anderson House	A/H
418 – Stafford Dr. S.	Hoyt Residence	Α
4403 - University Dr.	U of L - Hall	A/C
502 – 1 St. S.	Sir Alexander Galt Museum	H/C
721 – 3 St. S.	= 10	Α
209 – 4 St. S.	Scott National Building	Н
317 – 4 St. S.	Bell's Welding	A/H
529 – 4 St. S.	Commerce House/Meech Building	A/H
102 – 5 St. S.	Hudson Bay/Trianon Building	H/C
106 – 5 St. S.	Piche & Miron's Butcher Shop	Н
116 – 5 St. S.	Begin Block	A/H
118 – 5 St. S.	Bentley Block	A/H
120 – 5 St. S.	Higginbotham Block	A/H/C
202 – 5 St. S.	Lethbridge Hotel	A/H/C
222 – 5 St. S.	Union Bank	A/H/C
210 – 5 St. S.		Н
302 – 5 St. S.	MacDonald/Ryland Block	Н
306 – 5 St. S.	Charisma Gifts & Novelties	Α
312 – 5 St. S.	Coalbanks Hotel	A/H
316 – 5 St. S.	Oliver Block	A/H

319 – 5 St. S.	Kresge Building	A/H/C
323 – 5 St. S.	Johnson Block	A/H/C
325 – 5 St. S.	JOHNSON BIOCK	H
328 – 5 St. S.	Lyoum Thoatro	A/H/C
	Lyceum Theatre	·
329 – 5 St. S.	Kim Long Restaurant	A/H
332 – 5 St. S.	Alec Arms/Alexandra Hotel	A/H
427 – 5 St. S.	Wallace Block	A/H
525 – 5 St. S.		Α
642 – 5 St. S.	H. W. Crawford Residence	H
310 – 6 St. S.	C.P. Telegraph Office	H/C
315 – 6 St. S.	Old Gordon's Building	Α
322 – 6 St. S.	Fraches Flowers	A
316 – 7 St. S.	Southern Stationers	Α
420 – 7 St. S.	Cleary House	С
434 – 7 St. S.	Medical/Dental Building	H/C
501 – 7 St. S.	Medical Building	A/H/C
504 – 7 St. S.	Buchanan Building	H/C
527 – 7 St. S.	Galt Manor	A/H
531 – 7 St. S.	Tudor Manor	A/H
925 – 7 St. S.		Α
1005 – 7 St. N.	Miners House	H/C
104 – 8 St. S.	Lotus Inn	Α
105 – 8 St. S.	St. Patrick's Church Manse	A/H/C
110 – 8 St. S.	Alberta Rooms/Roloff Beny Studio	H
312 – 8 St. S.	Trio's Bar & Grill	A
325 – 8 St. S.	Lethbridge Monumental Building	A/H
631 – 8 St. S.	General Stewart Residence &	H
33. 33. 3.	Outbuilding	
614 – 9 St. S.	Sharman House	Α
625 – 9 St. S.		A
637 – 9 St. S.	Tower House	A
639 – 9 St. S.	Eaton's	A/C
309 – 10 St. S.	Connaught Mansions	A/H
315/317 – 10 St. S.	Masonic Hall	A/H/C
635 – 10 St. S.	Younghusband Residence	H
409 – 11 St. S.	St. Augustine's Church	A/H/C
501 – 11 St. S.	Spudnut's/Lethbridge Conservatory	H/C
614 – 11 St. S.	···	
	Judge Shepperd House	<u> </u>
620 – 11 St. S.	Goode Residence	H
622 – 11 St. S.	Massh Desidence	A
630/632 – 11 St. S.	Meech Residence	A/H
636 – 11 St. S.	Fording Decide	_ A
652 – 11 St. S.	Foster Residence	Н
702 – 11 St. S.		_ A
711 – 11 St. S.	Craftsman-Shingle (style) House	A

710 11 01 0	Chingle (atula) Llaure	A
712 – 11 St. S.	Shingle (style) House	Α
720 – 11 St. S.	International (style) House	Α
721 – 11 St. S.	Rose Residence	Α
909 – 11 St. S.	Wartime House (1946)	A/H/C/
314 – 12 St. S.		Α
334 – 12 St. S.	Nourse Residence	A/ H
425 – 12 St. S.		Α
542 – 12 St. S.		A
609 – 12 St. S.	Rylands Residence	Н
624 – 12 St. S.		Α
634 – 12 St. S.	Bellcast House	Α
840 – 12 St. S.	Rex. Canon Willmot Res.	A/H
333 – 12 St. N.	Davis House	Н
711 – 12 St. N.	Goldie House	Α
408 – 12A St. S.	French Provincial Style House (1889)	A/H
409 – 12A St. S.	Eaton's House	A/H/C
432 – 12A St. N.	1898 House	Н
502 – 12A St. N.		Α
612 – 12A St. N.		Α
710 – 12A St. N.	Miner's Cottage	A/C
404 – 12B St. N.	Laval Livery House	Н
420 – 12B St. N.	Craftsman (style) House	A/H
520 – 12B St. N.	1920's House	C
545 – 12B St. N.	#6 Miner's Cottage	A/C
640 – 12B St. N.	St. Basil's School	A/H/C
408 – 12C St. N.	Kit House	A/C
330 – 13 St. S.	Craftsman (style) House	A
428 – 13 St. S.	1918 Nursing Mission	H/C
429 – 13 St. S.		A
613 – 13 St. S.	Mayor Bentley Residence	Н
614 – 13 St. S.	McKey Buggy Barn	A/H
624 – 13 St. S.	McKey House	A/H
636 – 13 St. S.	Craftsman (Style) House	A
704 – 13 St. S.	Early Split House (first?)	H
904 – 13 St. S.	Dr. Hunt Residence	A/H
938 – 13 St. S.	E.E. Carner House	H
946 – 13 St. S.	Jane Stafford Residence	H
948 – 13 St. S.	Police Chief Carpenter Residence	H
966 – 13 St. S.	Patterson Residence	A/H
244 – 13 St. N.	Good News	A/C
246 – 13 St. N.		A/C
	Williamson Block	
265 – 13 St. N.	York Hotel	H
320 – 13 St. N.	Kobal's Grocery	H/C
418 – 13 St. N.	Donaldson Block	A/C
643 – 13 St. N.	Holy Trinity	С

715 – 13 St. N.	St. Valodymyr's	TC
1218 – 13 St. N.	1890's House 1	A/H
1314 – 13 St. N.	1890's House 2	A/H
1526 – 13 St. N.	Miner's Cottage	A/C
3225 – 13 St. N.	Hardieville School	C
323 – 14 St. S.	Allan Watson House	A/H
408 – 14 St. S.	Becker Residence	A/H
413 – 14 St. S.	Leth. Garrison Red Cross Hospital	H/C
420 – 14 St. S.	Letii. Gamson ned Closs Hospital	
522 – 14 St. S.	Craftsman (style) House	A
526 – 14 St. S.	Craftsman (style) House	A
532 – 14 St. S.	Cransman (style) House	A
536 – 14 St. S.		A
620 – 14 St. S.	H.M. Widdington Residence	H
636 – 14 St. S.	Think Widdington Residence	A
	Yates Residence	H
639 – 14 St. S.		<u> </u>
218 & 220 – 14 St. N. 429 – 15 St. S.	Former P.O.W. Buildings	
517 – 15 St. S.	Hamilton Junior High School	A/H/C
	Moderne (style) House	A
611 – 15 St. S.	Minoria Hauss (2)	A H
617 – 15 St. S.	Miner's House (?)	
627/635/638 – 15 St. S.	Craftsman (style) House	A /C
915 – 15 St. S.	Beth Israel Synagogue	A/C
114 – 15 St. N.	Relocated House	A/H .
332 – 15 St. N.	Megredy House	A
515 – 16 St. S.	Mayor Shackleford Residence	H
615 – 16 St. S.	Farmstead House (1910)	H
520 – 18 St. S.	St. Alsysius Convent	A/H/C
539 – 18 St. S.	Immanuel Lutheran	A/C
211 – 19 St. N.	 B	A/H
502 – 19 St. N.	Burgman Residence	A/H
624 – 19 St. N.		H
131 – 20 St. N.	Geiger House	Α
3202 – 28 St. S.		H
316 – 1 Ave. S.	Arlington Hotel (Bridge Inn)	H
712 – 1 Ave. S.	Belgian Café	С
801 – 1 Ave. S.	C.P.R. Train Station	A/H/C
1120 – 1 Ave. S.	Dominion Fruit	H
221 – 2 Ave. S.	Castle Hotel (Apartments)	A/H
309 – 2 Ave. S	Chinese National League	A/H/C
312 – 2 Ave. S.	Tongue & Groove (San Mang Sang)	A/H/C
310 – 2 Ave. S.	Chinese Free Masons	A/H/C
316 – 2 Ave. S.	Bow On Tong Co. Building	H/C
318 – 2 Ave. S.	Manie Opera Society Building	H/C
402 – 2 Ave. S.	No. 1 Fire Hall	A/H/C

1239 – 2 Ave. S.	John Doore Implements Building	11
	John Deere Implements Building	H
1703 – 2 Ave. N.	Miners House	H/C
411 – 3 Ave. S.	Whitney Block	A/H
508 – 3 Ave S.	Molson Bank	H/C
522 – 3 Ave. S.	Bank of Montreal Building (The Gate)	A/H
601 – 3 Ave. S.	Carnegie Library (SAAG)	A/H/C
608/610 – 3 Ave. S.	Burns Block	A/H
614 – 3 Ave. S.	Acadia Block	A/H
616 – 3 Ave. S.	Maple Leaf Grocery	Н
618 – 3 Ave. S.	Hick-Sehl Building	A/H
1202 – 3 Ave. S.	Alpenland (Chinese Alliance)	С
1501 – 3 Ave. N.		H/C
505 – 4 Ave. S.	ODD Fellows	С
519 – 4 Ave. S.	McFarland Building	A/H
520 – 4 Ave. S.	Kresge Building	С
601 – 4 Ave. S.	Woolworth	С
704 – 4 Ave. S.	Post Office	A/H/C
719 – 4 Ave. S.	Paramount Theatre	A/C
917 – 4 Ave. S.	St. Patrick's Catholic Church	A/H/C
1002 - 4 Ave. S.	Yates	С
1010 – 4 Ave. S.	Old Courthouse	H/C
1011 – 4 Ave. S.	Southminster United Church	A/H/C
1101 – 4 Ave. S.	Tops Pizza	Н
1226 – 4 Ave. S.	Patterson Court	A
1244 – 4 Ave. S.	Heatherington House	A/H
1255 – 4 Ave. S.	Susie Bawden Residence	H
1280 – 4 Ave. S.	Annandale	Н
1317 - 4 Ave. S.	Shackleford House	Н
1404 – 4 Ave. S.	Senator Buchanan House	H
1241 & 1249 – 4 Ave. N.	Unique House(s)	A
1324 – 4 Ave. N.		H/C
517 – 5 Ave. S.	Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans Bldg.	H/C
811 – 5 Ave. S.	Bowman School	A/H/C
1242 - 5 Ave. S.	Mayor Hardie Residence	A/H
1276 – 5 Ave. S.	Jackson House	Н
1401 – 5 Ave N.	Moose Lodge	C
1721 – 5 Ave. N.	First United Pentecostal Church	H/C
	(Truth Tabernacle)	
1231 – 5A Ave. S.	Donald House	Α
1259 – 5A Ave. S.	Blunt House	A
422 6 Ave. S.	Tenant House/Regal Confectionary	A/H/C
510 – 6 Ave. S.	Alberta Meat Market	H/C
622 – 6 Ave. S.	Major Burnett/Yosh Senda Residence	H
1228 – 6 Ave. S.	Lonsdale House	H/C
		11/0

1231/1235 – 6 Ave. S.	Readymade House(s) (CPR)	A/H/C
1252 – 6 Ave. S.	Job Reed's House	A/H
1260 - 6 Ave. S.	St. Mary's Anglican	A/C
1317 – 6 Ave. S.		Α
1912 – 6 Ave. S.	Flat House	Α
1260 – 6 Ave. N.	St. Marys	С
1224 – 6A Ave. S.	Broad Residence	Н
1243/45 - 6A Ave. S.	Ellison House	Α
3204 - 6A Ave. S.	Fooks Residence	A/H
1705 – 6A Ave N.	Arthur Ross House	A/H
1926 – 6A Ave. N.	Brown House	Α
110 – 7 Ave. S.	Riverview	A/H/C
526 - 7 Ave. S.	Mayor Henderson House	Н
803 - 7 Ave. S.	Hiram H Diser House	Α
807 - 7 Ave. S.		Α
809 - 7 Ave. S.		Α
903 – 7 Ave. S.	The Mareen Apartments	A/C
1126 - 7 Ave. S.	LDS Church/Red Cross Building	A/H/C
1201 – 7 Ave. S.		Α
1209 – 7 Ave. S.	Mayor David Elton House	Н
1224 – 7 Ave. S.	Van Haarlem Hospital	H/C
1502 – 7 Ave. S.	Johnstone House	A/H
1920 – 7 Ave. S.	Isolation Hospital	H/C
283 – 7A Ave. S.	Mayor C.W. Manson House	H
294 – 7A Ave. S.	Howson Residence	Α
1115 – 8 Ave. S.	Haig Residence	A/H
1801 – 8A Ave. N.	Galbraith School	A/H/C
702/704 – 9 Ave. S.	The Castle	A/H
1009 – 9 Ave. S.	Lethbridge Fish and Game	A/H/C
621 – 9 Ave. N.	Japanese United Church	С
707 – 9 Ave. N.	Williams Grocery	H/C
717 – 9 Ave. N.	John Berte Residence	H/C
1200 Block 9 Ave. N.	Miner's Area – heritage dense,	
	consider multiple buildings, including:	
1225 – 9 Ave. N.	The Boarding House	H/C
1257 – 9 Ave. N.	1886 House	Н
1267 – 9 Ave. N.	Perry House	Н
1708 – 10 Ave. S.	Navy League	H/C
1710 – 10 Ave. S.	St. Andrews Mission Hall	C
1517 – 15 Ave. S.	G.M. Watson Jr. Residence	A/H
1125 – 40 Ave. N.	Miner's House #1 (H-ville)	A/C
	` '	
1219 – 41 Ave. N.	Miner's House #2 (H-ville)	A/C
1126 – 44 Ave. N.	Miner's Boarding House (H-ville)	C

4 - CLOSING NOTES & COMMENT

4.1 - Project Problems & Issues

Weather

Naturally winter weather played a role in the project. Several days of fieldwork were lost to cold and inclement weather, and often, weather related delays kept the project in 'catch-up' mode.

For future heritage work that involves detailed outdoor activities, planning should take into account various seasonal concerns: i.e. spring/fall offer the ideal conditions for fieldwork and photography while summer/winter are more suited to research/office work/document work/etc.

Project Supplies*

The procuring of project supplies became a key issue in the project. Such an ambitious goal (the surveying of 2000+ sites in 3 months) is made virtually impossible when the proper tools are made unavailable.

It was hoped that this problem (that was experienced last year) would have been resolved before any new projects were launched. However, it was quickly evidenced that things were to operate in the same fashion — i.e. spending a great deal of time and effort attempting to get the necessary project supplies.

Unfortunately, the project suffered large delays while waiting for contact regarding supplies, and (not to mention) the actual delivery of those supplies. Such idle time causes much anxiety among staff and volunteers. It also creates inexplicable anomalies relating to scope, deadline and responsibilities.

*Note: this was a portion of the project was the responsibility of the project sponsor and bears no relation to the City's requirements in the project. It was listed here for reference only.

Photo-Development

After much consternation it was decided to use a local film developer. The costs involved were minimally higher, but were offset by timeliness and efficiency. Many hours (and many trips between Calgary and Lethbridge) were saved due to this decision. Also the importance of Community support was bolstered by the project's support of local business.

4.2 - Comment/Recommendations

The City of Lethbridge's Municipal Heritage Partnership Program (MHPP) Project Continuation is complete. While continued surveying could take place – to continue to review the 30,000+ potential heritage structures – it is felt that majority of heritage structures (esp. those bearing significance) have been surveyed.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City move forward with the second step in the MHPP: Evaluation – the creation of Lethbridge's Heritage Inventory.

A *Heritage Inventory* is a filtered list of a municipality's significant historic places, created through the assessment of the surveyed places against specific criteria of significance and integrity. Those places that meet the criteria graduate to an inventory of historic places. An excellent starting place is with the *Places of Interest* as identified in this report.

4.3 - Closing

It was a great pleasure working on this project, and with high hopes we look to the future of Lethbridge's heritage preservation efforts.

Such a rich and vibrant history is worthy of all attentions possible. It is imperative that Lethbridge continue on the heritage conservation path – further defining its sense of place, and helping to preserve it for the future generations.

As always, if you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me anytime.

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