

BYLAW NO. 2010-MC-21

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK TO RECOGNIZE THE MAPLE CREEK DOWNTOWN HERITAGE DISTRICT.

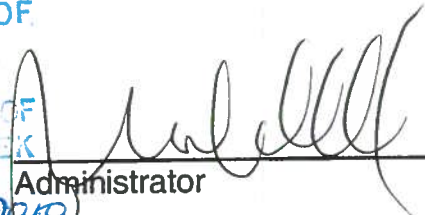
The Council of the Town of Maple Creek in the Province of Saskatchewan hereby enacts as follows:

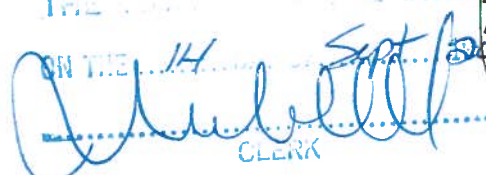
1. The Town of Maple Creek formally recognizes the heritage value of an area of the community's downtown business core comprised of:
  - a. The 100 blocks of Maple Street, Jasper Street and Harder Street;
  - b. The sections of Pacific Avenue between Maple Street, Jasper Street & Harder Street;
  - c. The 200 block of Jasper Street; and
  - d. The 300 block of Jasper Street as far south as the Jasper Street School building.
2. This area will be hereby known as the "Maple Creek Heritage District" and commercial properties within this district, evaluated by the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee as having "Level 1" or "Level 2" heritage value, will be eligible for any heritage preservation incentive program that Council may implement.
3. The Council of the Town of Maple Creek recognizes that the Maple Creek Heritage District is the defining face of the community. In its continued role as the community's business core, and through the daily use of its heritage buildings and other resources, the district is the exemplification of the Town's motto "Where Past is Present." The district is a remarkable surviving and relatively intact example of an early 20th century Saskatchewan streetscape. Its surviving architecture documents the historical evolution of the community from its ranching frontier origins, through to the settlement boom period, and beyond. It is a daily reminder of our collective heritage and is an on going source of civic pride.
4. The objectives of the Maple Creek Heritage District are:
  - a. Preserve the defining heritage architecture of Maple Creek's business core;
  - b. Improve the attractiveness of Maple Creek's business core for commerce and tourism; and
  - c. Increase civic pride.
5. The Town may, at the discretion of the Town Council, create a "Heritage Preservation Incentive Program" to support only the preservation or restoration of the heritage values identified in the property's Statement of Significance. All applications to such a Heritage Preservation Incentive Program shall be reviewed and adjudicated by the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee before being forwarded to Council for final decision.
6. The recognition of this district, and the Level 1 & Level 2 commercial properties therein, does not impact the autonomy of the individual property owners in the administration of their properties, rather it encourages the preservation of community heritage by making commercial properties within the district eligible for the Town's heritage preservation incentive program.
7. Level 1 properties within the Maple Creek Heritage District are those commercial properties whose date of construction falls between 1883 and 1920. The Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee, when so requested by Council, may recommend to Council properties outside of this time period as also being Level 1 should such a property represent exceptional heritage value to the community. Level 1 properties will be the priority for the Town's heritage preservation incentive program and consideration for Municipal Heritage Property designations.

8. Level 2 properties within the Maple Creek Heritage District are those commercial properties whose date of construction falls between 1921 & 1959.
9. The Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee may, when so requested by Council, recommend to Council properties outside of this time period as also being Level 2 should the property represent an important aspect of community heritage. Level 2 properties will be of secondary consideration for the Town's heritage preservation incentive program and will only be considered for formal Municipal Heritage Property designation under exceptional circumstances.
10. Recognition of this District, and the properties therein, in no way prohibits or obligates individual properties with regard to application for formal Municipal, Provincial or National heritage designations.
11. All applications for formal Municipal Heritage Property designation must be submitted to the Town of Maple Creek and must include a Statement of Significance. Council will approve or reject Municipal Heritage Property applications following a review of the recommendations made by the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee.
12. All properties from within the Maple Creek Heritage District applying to the Town's heritage preservation incentive program must have a completed Statement of Significance which identifies the property's historic significance as well as the heritage character defining elements of the property. Statements of Significance must be approved by Council on the recommendation of the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee.
13. Properties evaluated as "Non-Heritage" by the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee will not typically be eligible for the Town's heritage preservation incentive program, unless in the opinion of the Council with input from the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee, specific proposed treatments to the facade of a Non-Heritage property would soften its impact on the overall look and feel of the Maple Creek Heritage District. Non-Heritage buildings will not be considered for formal Municipal Heritage Property designations.
14. Residential properties, either within or outside of the Maple Creek Heritage District, are not currently eligible for the Town's heritage preservation program. However, residential properties can still be submitted to the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration for formal Municipal Heritage Property designation. Council will approve or reject the designation following a review of the Maple Creek Heritage Advisory Committee's recommendations.
15. The Town of Maple Creek's Heritage Incentive Program referred to herein may change from time to time or be augmented following an annual review of the program by Council.
16. Bylaw No. 2009-MC-30 is hereby repealed.
17. This Bylaw shall come into force upon final reading and adoption by the Council of the Town of Maple Creek.

  
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 Mayor

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