



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Lower Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
D. Kellett,
L. Gordon,
E. Purchase,
A. Cartwright, and
S. Allerston.

The following Committee members were absent:

Mayor M. Heyck,
A. Salomon,
D. Finch,
F. Sangris,
C. Lafferty, and
N. Santos.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

N. Naidoo,
A. Watson, and
J. Boyd.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Introduction of new Manager, Planning & Development

2. J. Morse welcomed the new Planning and Lands Manager, Amanda-Brea Watson to the Committee. A. Watson informed the Committee that she has recently moved to the city and is looking forward to being part of this Committee.



Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Agenda

4. E. Purchase moved,
D. Kellett seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Approval of the Minutes

5. L. Gordon moved,
E. Purchase seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2017 be approved.

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Heritage Committee Funding Program Application – Cross Country NWT

6. Ollie Williams and Tania Hercun attended the meeting to answer questions from the Committee regarding the funding program application from Cross Country NWT.

1. Public Accessibility of Display – it was noted that the Ski Club is used by a wide variety of community members for numerous different purposes. There is a capability to reshape the original plan to make the display more publically accessible. This would almost certainly involve additional expenses, for example, making the display weather resistant, safe and secure. It was also noted that the Ski Club is open from the middle of November until the end of April. During this time, members as well as the general public are invited to use the facilities. Various public events are often hosted at the Ski Club. This demonstrates the fact that the Ski Club is a venue that is a multi-purpose facility that caters to the needs of the community, including the general public as well as members.
2. If this funding is not received, will it be possible for the group to move forward with the project? – Committee was informed that the group would be able to move forward with the project without the requested funding, but the display would be much smaller.
3. If the Committee provided a smaller amount of funding, would this be sufficient to enable the project to move forward to completion? – Committee was informed that the group would be able to move forward with a smaller amount of funding, but it would impact the standard and scope of the display. In order to provide greater public access to the display, consideration will be given to the creation of a display that is amenable to the outdoor environment. This will require additional funds to secure the viability of the display. The granting of a lesser amount of funding may result in another future request for funding being put forward by the group.



The group was informed that there is normally a limit of \$3,000.00 for applications of this nature. Any amount higher than that must go forward to Council for approval.

Committee asked if the group has applied for funding from any other agencies for this project. Whereas the group considers this a heritage project, built on the legacy of skiing in Yellowknife, they have not requested funding from any other agencies. It was noted that the sport of skiing has a significant history in the Northwest Territories and Cross Country NWT expressed appreciation to the Committee for showing enough interest in the project to invite them back.

Cross Country NWT informed the Committee that the display would include canvas printed material, trophies, and plaques, creating a visual display. An attempt will also be made to include archived photographs from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Cross Country NWT was informed that the Committee would deliberate and be in contact regarding their decision in the near future.

Cross Country NWT - Follow up Discussion

7. Committee spoke in favour of the proposal and recommended providing Cross Country NWT with funding in the amount of \$3,000.00. It was noted that due to the climate in Yellowknife, if the display is intended to be outdoors, it should be created with the proper protection, which may require funding in excess of this amount. The Ski Club is becoming more of a communal focal point, which supports the idea of an outdoor display which is publically accessible.

Committee discussed the possibility of this group applying for territorial funding and whether it falls in the Committee's mandate to fund a territorial display.

The original request for this project was for \$5,000.00. It was noted that the Committee does not typically fund entire projects and there was agreement among members that \$3,000.00 would be an appropriate amount of funding to provide for this project. The Ski Club has a great history which should be supported and the Committee was convinced that the display will be adequately accessible by the public.

8. E. Purchase moved,
S. Allerston seconded,

That Committee approve the expenditure of \$3,000.00 from the Heritage Committee Project Funding budget for the Cross Country NWT display representing cross country skiing in the NWT.

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Action Item: J. Morse and N. Naidoo to discuss notification process for approval of funding.



Canada 150 Heritage Event Planning/Yellowknife's 50 Year as Capital

9. Committee deferred a discussion regarding promotion of an exhibit at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre to the next meeting.

Establishment of a working group to recommend buildings/areas for heritage recognition

10. Committee noted that there is a need for clarity regarding recognition of heritage areas and buildings. There was discussion around the possibility of creating plaques to be added to buildings to recognize them as heritage buildings. This could be accomplished through the creation of a working group. This group would create a list of buildings to be formally recognized for their historical value and a small plaque could be created for placement on the structures.

The working group could also find it worthwhile to discuss the possibility of recommending a change to the by-law that would allow for notification to the Heritage Committee if a development application is submitted. It was noted that a comprehensive list of recognized buildings should be readily accessible and that more sites should be recognized going forward.

11. E. Purchase moved,
A. Cartwright seconded,

That Committee establish a working group to recommend heritage sites for recognition.

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Action Item: J. Morse to send an email to Committee requesting interest in joining the working group to recommend heritage sites for recognition.

Budget Update

12. Administration informed the Committee that the current budget balance is \$25,000.00. The numbers will be verified to indicate whether the previous payment to Dene Nahjo has been included in the calculation of the balance. There was also brief discussion on the process involved for the distribution of funding once it is approved.

Committee discussed the status of the funding request by the Fox Moth Society. It was noted that there were concerns by the Committee around the location of Pilot Monument for this project. Fox Moth Society was to continue research through consultation with NAV Canada, Transport Canada and Parks Canada on the project.

Action Item: Administration to follow up with the Fox Moth Society and finalize details of the status of the project.



Preservation of Heritage Resources

13. This agenda item has been covered through discussions around the creation of a working group to recommend heritage sites for recognition.

Intercultural Place Making Plan

14. Administration informed the Committee that they will follow up with the YKDFN representative on the Heritage Committee at the next meeting regarding the Plan. Committee was informed that a change to the Heritage Committee Terms of Reference was approved by Council, which allows for the YKDFN to designate an alternate representative to this Committee. It was noted that it is important for the committee to work with YKDFN regarding the recognition of heritage sites.

Next Scheduled Meeting

15. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2017.

Other Heritage Items

16. There was brief discussion around the definitions of designation and recognition. The recommendation was made regarding better website information regarding definitions of designated and recognized sites and the addresses. This change would provide clarification for the public.

Adjournment

17. J. Morse moved,
D. Kellett seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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