



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
Via Video/Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via video/teleconference.

The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
Mayor R. Alty (ex-officio),
S. Allerston,
J. Black,
G. Cochrane,
L. Gordon, and
C. Routery.

The following member of the public called into the meeting:

M. Vaydik (Fox Moth Society) 12:01 p.m.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

G. Littlefair,
R. Lok,
L. Macphail, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of the Agenda

3. C. Routery moved,
G. Cochrane seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as amended, to move Bristol Freighter ahead of Budget under Administration Update.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. C. Routery moved,
L. Gordon seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Update

5. Administration provided an update on the following:
- a. Bristol Freighter – Correspondence from Fox Moth Society;
 - b. Budget;
 - c. Kiosk Unveiling (Intercultural Heritage Placemaking Plan & Wayfinding Strategy) – Correspondence from Dene National/Assembly of First Nations Office NWT; and
 - d. Façade & Heritage Preservation (Review of Development Incentive Program By-law No. 4534, as amended).
- a. Committee heard a presentation from M. Vaydik on behalf of the Fox Moth Society outlining concerns with vegetation growth and security at the Bristol Monument site, as well as background on the recent passing of Max Ward.

M. Vaydik left the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Action Item: Administration will include the Bristol Monument site as a project for consideration in the 2021 Work Plan, noting that any plaque update must include Indigenous history and language.

- b. Administration noted that as of June 2020, the opening balance of the Heritage Reserve Fund (the “Reserve”) was \$186,068.59 and the Budget allocated for 2020 was \$35,000, for a total of \$221,068.59. A discussion took place with respect to the process for passing a motion to transfer funds into the Reserve.
- c. The Chair provided background on correspondence received from Dene National/Assembly of First Nations Office NWT in response to the completed Intercultural Heritage Placemaking Plan & Wayfinding Strategy Information Kiosk installations.
- d. Administration provided background on the intent of the upcoming review of Development Incentive Program By-law No. 4534 (the “DIP By-law”). It was noted that Community Plan By-law No. 5007 was adopted on July 27, 2020, and the resulting review of Zoning By-law No. 4404 (the “Zoning By-law”) is currently underway. It was also noted that the DIP By-law review will commence following completion of the Zoning By-law review, with a Work Plan expected during Q2 of 2021 which will include exploring ways to incentivize Heritage Preservation.

- J. Morse moved,
L. Gordon seconded,



That Committee TABLE the motion from the April 8, 2020 Heritage Committee meeting (That Committee recommends that Council direct Administration to investigate whether Heritage Preservation under the Development Incentive Program is sufficient for preservation of heritage in Yellowknife, and whether further measures should be taken including the consideration of facade preservation in the city).

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recognizing Indigenous Heritage

6. J. Black provided an update regarding Yellowknives Dene First Nation (“YKDFN”) and the City of Yellowknife’s partnered application to Heritage Canada for a Residential Schools monument, that the project has not commenced nor have funds been accepted. It was noted that YKDFN’s Chiefs and Council recently approved a new Department of Language, Culture and History, which will head the project following determination of whether COVID-19 affects the schedule of deliverables.
7. Administration provided background on the Reconciliation project recommended at the July 16, 2020 Heritage Committee meeting regarding recognition of YKDFN Peoples.

Action Item: J. Black will update Committee at a future Heritage Committee meeting once the new Department of Language, Culture and History is active, and will identify any pertinent working groups for Administration to contact.

Action Item: Administration will liaise with J. Black to provide support, identify collaboration opportunities and foster idea generation and knowledge sharing for the Reconciliation project, and will report to Committee on the project scope at a future Heritage Committee meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

8. The next meeting was deferred from Thursday, December 17, 2020 and is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via video/teleconference.

A discussion took place regarding scheduling an Administration sub-group meeting prior to the next Heritage Committee meeting, to prepare the 2021 Work Plan. It was noted that a discussion on meeting frequency could then be considered.

Action Item: Administration will circulate a calendar invitation for the next Heritage Committee meeting in January, and Administration will also work to schedule a 2021 Work Plan meeting prior to the scheduled January Heritage Committee meeting.

Action Item: Administration will review the updated Budget and Reserve amounts at the 2021 Work Plan meeting and undertake discussion to identify focus items for the Heritage Committee.

Action Item: Administration will include items on the next Heritage Committee agenda for Fox Moth Society’s Bristol Monument site recommendations; recognition of YKDFN Peoples Reconciliation project/plaque update; and Back Bay Cemetery preservation/site visit update and Rotary Club installations.



Adjournment

9. L. Gordon moved,
C. Routery seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prepared: November 23, 2020; BP