



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon
Upper Boardroom, City Hall

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 12:08 p.m. in the Upper Boardroom at City Hall. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: M. Vaydik,
A. Cartwright,
D. Finch,
R. Heming,
D. Kellett,
D. Ritchie,
Councillor Son, and
Mayor Heyck, ex officio.

Absent: S. Irlbacher-Fox,
K. Luce-Vivian, and
R. McKeown.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

W. Yu,
D. Cepoi,
J. Larsen, and
L. Dunsmore, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Introduction of New Representative of City Administration

2. Ms. Delia Cepoi was introduced as the representative of City Administration for future meetings of the Heritage Committee, replacing Wenyan Yu. Members identified themselves and welcomed Ms. Cepoi to the Committee. The Chair introduced Councillor Son, who has been appointed Chair as a result of the restructuring of Committees of Council. The Chair explained that he and Councillor Son had agreed to a transition period whereby Mr. Vaydik would continue to Chair the meetings while Councillor Son familiarized himself with Committee plans and ongoing projects.



Approval of Agenda

3. Councillor Son moved,
Mayor Heyck seconded,

That the agenda be approved.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Councillor Son advised the Committee that, on occasion, he may need to declare a conflict of interest because of his work with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

5. D. Kellett moved,
R. McKeown seconded,

That the Minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. R. McKeown moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the Minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. D. Finch moved,
D. Kellett seconded,

That the Minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Mayor Heyck moved,
A. Cartwright seconded,

That the Minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting be approved.

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Administrative Items

9. a) Budget Update

Committee reviewed and approved its budget.

b) Heritage Action List

Committee reviewed its Action List and updated it as necessary. Please see highlights, below:

- Update Heritage Committee Website content – Members have created a number of documents which they want Administration to post on the Committee's own web page without further delay. They also would like one of the IT staff to give them a walk-through of the City's new website.
- Recognition and Designation Public Awareness Program – Will be presented at the next scheduled meeting of the Heritage Committee.
- Plaques/Signage of Yellowknife – The Chair, D. Finch and J. Larsen will meet over the weekend to set priorities for plaquing specific heritage sites.



Standing Agenda Items

10. a) **Robertson Headframe** – The government of the NWT, through the Department of Industry Tourism and Investment, has approved funding for Ms. Heming’s greenhouse project study which is to consider options for industrial use of the Robertson Shaft.
- b) **Back Bay Cemetery** – Mr. Finch reported no further damage to the gravesites, other than footprints across one of the graves. The Rotary Club has confirmed that it will do a spring cleanup, and would welcome the participation of members of the Heritage Committee.
- c) **Outreach to First Nations** – At one time, there was an interpretive plaque on the totem pole outside City Hall explaining that it was a gift to Yellowknife from one of the First Nations of B.C., and did not represent local indigenous culture. The Chair asked Administration to take action quickly, either finding and remounting the original plaque, making a new plaque, or removing the totem pole from City Hall. Members would welcome the assistance of First Nations to identify sites in Yellowknife that they would like promoted, and suggestions of how to do that in an appropriate way. Bobby Drygeese offers tours of sites that are significant to local aboriginal people. Members expressed an interest in taking one of his tours and asked that one be booked in the near future if the cost is reasonable.

Other Business

11. a) **Restructuring of Committees of Council**

Members would like more information about how the restructuring initiative affects the way this Committee does its work, and are annoyed that they were not asked for input. They noted that the Councillors are already busy with their work for the City and their regular jobs, and questioned how they can effectively take on the demanding work of chairing committees and coordinating the work of volunteer committee members.

Action: The Chair will invite the Restructuring Committee to send its representatives to the next scheduled meeting of the Heritage Committee (May 20, 2015) for a half-hour orientation session.

b) **Draft RFP for Design and Creation of a Portable Heritage Display**

Action: In preparation for the next meeting, Committee is asked to visit the website of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, to see how the museum handles the process of inviting contractors to propose and create exhibits.

Action: J. Larsen and A. Cartwright will discuss the wording, dimensions, etc. of the portable heritage display.

Action: D. Cepoi will review the plans for the display to ensure its construction complies with the regulations.

Heritage Share

12. The Giant Mine Remediation team and the Mining Heritage Society have met to discuss the creation of a mining museum on the Giant Mine site. There is considerable interest and support in the community for the project. According to the Society’s Strategic Plan, the project will be completed within the next five years.

Mildred Hall School will soon hold its annual Learning Fair. Committee members are invited to help judge the projects created by the students.

The Chair, D. Finch and J. Larsen will meet over the coming weekend to discuss and set priorities for heritage sites that need to be plaqued in the coming year.



Next Scheduled Meeting

13. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place at noon on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall.

Adjournment

14. Mayor Heyck moved,
D. Kellett seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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