



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## MINUTES

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 12:10 p.m.**  
**City Hall - Upper Boardroom**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Upper Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: M. Vaydik,  
Councillor Bell,  
A. Cartwright,  
Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio,  
D. Kellet, and  
R. McKeown.

The following members of Administration and City Council were also in attendance:

A. Ferri,  
Councillor Son, and  
L. Dunsmore, Recording Secretary.

The following Committee members were absent:

D. Finch,  
R. Heming,  
S. Irlbacher-Fox,  
Councillor Konge, and  
K. Luce-Vivian.

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### **Call to Order**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

2. Ms. McKeown moved,  
Mr. Kellet seconded,

**That the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.



### Administrative Updates

4. a) Budget Update – not available at the time of this meeting
- b) Heritage Committee Action List Update – Committee reviewed its Action Plan (DM #390772) and updated it as necessary. The Chair will resend his one-page communications plan [per Objective #1(a)], as Committee has not received it. The creation of a calendar of Yellowknife Heritage Days [per Objectives #1(a), 1(b), and 2(b)] is on hold, pending the update of the City’s website. All other items are ongoing.
- c) Heritage Walking Tour App – deferred to January 2015 meeting by CDÉTNO.

### Canadian Pacific Airways Building (MV)

5. During work to preserve the building, the present owner removed and saved the two plaques that were on the SW face of the building. The plaque identifying it as a Heritage Site will be reinstalled once the new siding is added. The second plaque was placed there temporarily by family and friends of Andy Cruickshank to commemorate his death in a plane crash north of Yellowknife in 1932. Now that renovations to Pilot’s Monument have begun, the Cruickshank plaque should be relocated there, as was originally intended.

### Back Bay Cemetery (AB)

6. The Rotary Club has done some work in the cemetery to repair damage to the graves caused by animals, erosion, or time. While recognizing the need to protect the remains, Committee is also aware of the need to follow culturally appropriate procedures when dealing with the remains of friends and family.
7. Councillor Bell moved,  
Ms. McKeown seconded,

**That City Council direct Administration to undertake consultation with family members to determine whether the family members want the graves in Back Bay Cemetery preserved in their current location or moved to Lakeview Cemetery.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Heritage Week – date and theme

8. This year’s Heritage Week will be held February 15-21, 2015 and the theme will be “Festivals”. This will encompass both current and now-defunct celebrations. Committee would like Administration to show its support for Heritage Week by allowing its Special Events Co-ordinator and Communications staff to help with planning and promotion. Rather than celebrating Yellowknife’s history for one week every year, Committee would like to see some aspect of heritage woven into festivals throughout the year.

### Heritage Week - Art Show (AC)

9. Committee members agree that a juried art show would be good for Yellowknife’s arts community. The jury should be composed of two committee members and two representatives of the arts community. Payment for displaying the work submitted could take the form of an honorarium or a lease for a specified time, rather than outright purchase. Leading up to the Art Show, there would be a Call for Submissions, listing criteria. Committee would appreciate the help of the City’s Communications and Economic Development Department to promote the event. If the City already has a Public Art Policy, Committee would like to refer to it; otherwise, such a policy should be created.



**Heritage Share**

10. Co-chair McKeown has obtained a video of the Lancaster aircraft in flight and will circulate it to Committee.

The Long John Jamboree needs people to staff the Heritage Photo Booth during this year's event, and would welcome members of the City's Heritage Committee.

Councillor Son says the exterior lighting at the Wildcat Café is inadequate and recommends that the City refer to Rick Muyres's original proposal. Mr. Ferri will discuss this with Community Services.

DND and the Royal Canadian Legion are considering ways to enhance the Cenotaph. Councillor Son would like to see City Council take the lead in revamping and relocating the memorial, perhaps designating space for the Cenotaph in Somba K'e Park.

The Chair asks that members review the report he created following Committee's bus tour in September and select their top three projects for the coming year.

Committee discussed a small building owned by Ray Decorby, located on the shore of Back Bay on City-owned land. The building is currently being used by another individual for storage. This raises numerous issues which require further discussion.

11. Councillor Bell moved,  
Mc. McKeown seconded,

**That Committee continue the discussion regarding privately-owned buildings located on City-owned land.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next Meeting**

12. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

**Adjournment**

13. Councillor Bell moved,  
Ms. McKeown seconded,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**