



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, Upper Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the Upper Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
D. Finch,
L. Gordon,
C. Lafferty,
Y. Quick,
N. Santos.

The following Committee members were absent:

Mayor M. Heyck,
S. Allerston,
A. Cartwright, and
E. Purchase.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

J. Derksen,
A. Watson, and
J. Boyd.

The following members of Yellowknife Historical Society were in attendance:

D. Baldwin,
T. Bryant,
H. Epp,
W. Humphries, and
R. Silke.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.



Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of the Minutes

3. L. Gordon moved,
D. Finch seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Introduction of YK Historical Society Board Members and Heritage Committee Members

4. Committee welcomed the members of the Yellowknife Historical Society (YK Historical Society) to the meeting and introductions were made by all members in attendance. Committee noted that the Yellowknife Historical Society has recently rebranded, which presented an opportunity for the Heritage Committee and the YK Historical Society to meet and discuss the overlapping mandates of the two organizations in order to ensure each organization is effective in achieving their respective mandates.

The goal of this joint meeting involves engagement in discussion between the two organizations with a focus on collaboration and finding opportunities to complement the mandates of each group. Committee noted that the Heritage Committee has recently developed a strategic plan that focuses on returning to the core mandate of the Committee, which is protecting heritage resources and advising Council on heritage related matters. The hosting of events could be better handled by a society such as the YK Historical Society. Ideally, the two groups could coordinate in such a way that each organization is working to its full potential, with no duplication of work.

A presentation of the YK Historical Society's upcoming events

5. The President of the YK Historical Society provided an update on their upcoming events which include the following:
 - Heritage Photo Booth at the Long John Jamboree, March 23 – 25, 2018;
 - Society Launch and History Presentation at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, March 29, 2018;
 - Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce Spring Trade Show, May 12 – 13, 2018;
 - Beer Barge;
 - Giant Mine recreation hall building renovations; and
 - Collection of images, photos, and memorabilia from early Yellowknife.

A copy of the YK Historical Society Newsletter was distributed, providing further information on current initiatives. It was noted that the primary project of the Society is the construction of a community museum, which would become a tourism and cultural hub for Yellowknife. Current fundraising efforts by the Society will be focused toward the museum project and it was noted that there is minimal capacity to take on extra event organization, without the provision of extra funding.



A discussion regarding the potential of the Yellowknife Historical Society planning future events to celebrate Heritage Days

6. The core mandate of the Heritage Committee is the preservation of heritage resources and to advise Administration and Council on heritage related matters. The organization of Heritage events would be best fulfilled through a collaborative effort between the Heritage Committee and the YK Historical Society. Both groups expressed interest in working together, but the Society would require funding to take on extra event organization on behalf of the Heritage Committee. Committee noted that an option that could be explored would involve the creation of a contractor model for event provision where the event would be put out to tender and the YK Historical Society could apply to run the event.

A discussion regarding Heritage Committee funding

7. The YK Historical Society noted that consideration of organizing heritage events on behalf of the Heritage Committee would require extra funding. Committee advised the YK Historical Society that applications may be submitted for either Heritage Committee Funding or the City Grant Funding Program. It was reiterated that only one source of funding may be accessed by an organization.

During further discussion on funding, the YK Historical Society noted that it would be preferable if the City provided various sources of funding to organizations, with each separate funding source identified for specific purposes. This would allow organizations greater access to more funds for various specific purposes such as promotion, events, etc.

Print materials, including brochures and walking maps that promote heritage in Yellowknife were reviewed and Committee noted the brochures should be updated to provide accurate and informative heritage resources to visitors in Yellowknife. These tactile materials continue to be a valuable tool to promote the heritage resources available for viewing in Yellowknife.

Feedback from YK Historical Society on past Heritage Committee events

8. The YK Historical Society offered their support of the Committee's increased focus on the designation and recognition aspects of heritage. Committee informed the Society that the recent evening of storytelling which was held at the Wildcat Café on February 24, 2018 was a successful and largely attended event celebrating Heritage Days 2018.

The YK Historical Society noted concern over the lack of residents who visit heritage sites or explore the downtown core and Old Town area. Increasing public awareness of local heritage resources and educating the youth within the community should be a focus of both the Heritage Committee and the YK Historical Society.

In the spirit of collaboration, the YK Historical Society offered the City the use of various heritage artifacts in their possession for display purposes at City owned properties around Yellowknife. This would provide an opportunity for the two groups to work together and share items of Yellowknife heritage with the public.



The Heritage Committee and the Yellowknife Historical Society agreed that the two organizations should meet on an annual basis to discuss initiatives and ensure that both groups are working together toward the goals of celebrating and preserving heritage.

Action: Administration to forward draft Heritage Committee meeting minutes for March 22, 2018 to the YK Historical Society.

Financial Update

9. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

10. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2018.

Adjournment

16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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