



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 12:00 noon
City Hall - Upper Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 12:12 p.m. in the City Hall Lower Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: M. Vaydik,
Councillor Bell,
A. Cartwright,
D. Finch,
R. Heming,
S. Irlbacher-Fox,
K. Luce-Vivian, and
R. McKeown, co-Chair.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:
L. Dunsmore, Recording Secretary and
A. Ferri, Planner.

Absent: Mayor M. Heyck, ex officio
D. Kellett,
Councillor Konge, and
D. Ritchie.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

2. Committee amended the Agenda by adding the following item:
 7. Discussion of fundraising for Robertson Shaft.

Ms. McKeown moved,
Councillor Bell seconded,

That the agenda be approved as amended.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. Councillor Bell moved,
Ms. Heming seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting on June 11, 2014 be approved.

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Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

5. ***“Action: Mr. Ferri will ensure that the invoice is signed and presented to Finance for payment.”***
Task completed.

Administrative Updates

6. a) Budget Update – Committee discussed and approved its operating budget.
b) Heritage Committee Action Plan – Committee reviewed its Action Plan and updated it as necessary.

Fundraising for Robertson Headframe

7. Committee discussed whether it should draw on its reserve fund to begin the process of preserving the Robertson headframe, and then find a non-profit society to raise the rest of the necessary funding. Committee is aware that it needs ongoing support from City Council to proceed with such a project.
8. Councillor Bell moved,
Ms. Heming seconded,

That Committee invite proposals for the creation of a fundraising initiative to preserve the Robertson Headframe.

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Action: The Recording Secretary will add this item to the agenda of the next scheduled meeting for further discussion.

Yellowknife Local History Project

9. Committee agreed that the collection is a valuable history of the city; however, the lack of copyright for the photographs, the size of the collection and its location in Sechelt, B.C. present problems. Committee decided to find a contractor with archival background who lives in the general vicinity of the collection, and hire that person to transfer the items to DVD. The contractor would then send the final product to Committee.

Action: Ms. Heming will contact the University of B.C. and Simon Fraser University for references to people or companies that do this type of work.

Heritage Share

10. (a) Committee thanked Ms. Cartwright for discovering, and arranging to borrow, the heritage artwork created by the senior art students of Sir John Franklin High School. The artwork has been on display in City Hall’s lobby throughout the month of July. Committee expressed an



interest in showcasing the work of younger artists, then discussed whether the annual Heritage Art Show should become a juried show.

Action: Ms. Cartwright will look into what is involved in presenting a juried art show, and report to Committee.

(b) A Traditional Knowledge Festival will be held in Yellowknife on September 21 and 22.

Action: Ms. Irlbacher-Fox will send a link to Committee so that those members who are interested can access more information about the festival.

(c) There are two historical displays behind City Hall that need more detailed interpretive signs. They are the bench made by Rick Muyres out of mining artifacts, and the rock drill (including the rock on which it sits).

(d) The Chair has a list of about 20 more historical sites that could be plaqued. Committee will rent a bus to travel around the city to these sites on September 18.

(e) Well-known northern artist Bern Will Brown has passed away, leaving his collection of art to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. Museum staff will select samples of his work for display.

(f) A mutually convenient date has not yet been found for the Mayor to present Rick Muyres with the 2013 Heritage Award.

(g) City Administration are reviewing the letters that Messrs. Ray and Spencer Decorby sent to Committee expressing concerns about two shacks on Latham Island. The Decorbys would like to see the structures preserved, as they are tangible evidence of Yellowknife's mining heritage.

Next Meeting

11. There will be no meeting in August. Regularly scheduled meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

Adjournment

12. Committee adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m..