



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, Upper Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the Upper Boardroom at City Hall.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,
S. Allerston,
E. Purchase,
F. Santos,
A. Cartwright,
D. Finch,
L. Gordon, and
Y. Quick.

The following guests were in attendance:

G. Van Tighem, and
E. Suliak.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

J. Humphrey,
R. Lok,
G. White,
D. Hurley, and
M. Hnatiw.

Item Description

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Agenda

3. Committee agreed unanimously to amend the agenda to add item 15, Heritage Recognition.



4. D. Finch moved,
F. Santos seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

5. A. Cartwright moved,
Y. Quick seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Back Bay Cemetery Discussion

6. The Committee heard a presentation from E. Suliak regarding the existing conditions of Back Bay Cemetery. E. Suliak believes that further maintenance should be given to the site and suggested that a survey of the area be undertaken by a formal expert to demark the site. E. Suliak further suggested that foot traffic be redirected by enhancing or building a pathway around or away from the burial sites.

J. Morse requested E. Suliak to provide her recommendations in writing to Administration.

G. Van Tighem representing True North Rotary Club spoke regarding a new bridge that is being designed at the site with a plan to install for next spring. They have been working in partnership with the Museum and the City and making two visits per year to maintain the site and where possible, conduct analyses of the burial grounds. G. Van Tighem identified that the current bridge may be unsafe and mostly un-useable.

Committee members highlighted the following notes:

- There is no territorial legislation regarding cemeteries.
- The land that the cemetery is on is leased by the City to the Ski Club.
- The burial site is a travel route and once used as a hunting and travel route by local Indigenous communities.
- Major impact is not people walking, it is snowmobiles.
- YKDFN must be part of future conversations and other first nations that might be involved.
- Discussion occurred around a trail that would bypass the site, with permanent fencing or boulders and re-establishing plants on the shore line to assist with erosion mitigation.
- This project is very multifaceted and requires collaboration, input and consultation with a variety of community organizations and groups.

Discussion occurred around establishing a special committee to assist in an advisory capacity, and chaired by a Heritage Committee member. This committee would involve members of all



identifiable stakeholders and organizations and would facilitate meaningful dialogue between all interested parties.

Action Item: Administration to connect with True North Rotary in March/April of 2019 for an update regarding the progress with the bridge project, and to update the Heritage Committee.

Action Item: Pending receipt of email from E. Suliak, Administration will provide a recommendation to the Heritage Committee on how to proceed.

Action Item: Administration to provide information on how the Wildcat Café Committee functioned (as a subcommittee of the Heritage Committee.)

Heritage Committee Website Update

7. Ryan Silke Material for Website Updates
J. Humphrey reported on the latest updates to the Heritage Inventory, material produced by R. Silke.
8. E. Purchase moved,
A. Cartwright seconded,

That Committee approves the latest updates to the Heritage Inventory produced by Ryan Silke, dated September 2018.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Administration to publish the Heritage Inventory updates on the City's website.

J. Humphrey asked for a committee website advisor to assist with website content and design.
D. Finch accepted the invitation.

Intercultural Heritage & Placemaking Plan Review Update

9. J. Humphrey reported that he is working on expanding the Implementation Table in the *Intercultural Heritage & Placemaking Plan*. This will include identifying assigned committee members, project requirements, translation services and information sources for plaques, kiosks and signs.

Action: Administration to expand the Implementation Table in the Intercultural Heritage and Placemaking Plan and report back to Committee at the November meeting.

RCMP Historical Building Update

10. Letter from W. Schumann to T. Hoefler
J. Morse referenced a letter from Minister Schumann to T. Hoefler dated October 5, 2018 with regards to preserving the history of the old Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters. In Minister Schumann's letter, he indicates there is "no formal support for this building to be



preserved to the standards required for a heritage building.” It was noted however that the last paragraph references that the Department of Infrastructure will work with the Heritage Committee in exploring ways to mark the site.

Administration noted that a development permit to demolish the building has not been received by the City.

11. A. Cartwright moved,
L. Gordon seconded,

That Administration update and send the letter that was drafted to T. Hoefler acknowledging his efforts and recognizing his passion for wanting to commemorate the heritage significance of the building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. A. Cartwright moved,
L. Gordon seconded,

That Administration update and send the letter that was drafted to Minister W. Schumann thanking him for his letter of October 5, 2018 and asking what sort of level of willingness there is on the part of the GNWT to commemorate the heritage significance of the building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memorandum regarding Heritage Project Funding Criteria

13. Administration referenced a draft Memorandum to Committee dated June 20, 2018 regarding improvements to Heritage Project Funding Criteria and the Project Funding Application Form which has not gone to Council. J. Morse indicated that he will have a conversation with the new Council on streamlining heritage and grant funding within the City.

14. E. Purchase moved,
Y. Quick seconded,

That Administration bring forward a memorandum regarding whether to approve the proposed Heritage Project Funding Criteria and revised Application Form for the Heritage Committee to the next Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Heritage Recognition

15. E. Purchase updated the Committee on the areas in the City that have been recognized so far, stating that if we recognized every location in Yellowknife with a plaque we could create a precedent where locations without the required heritage merit under our criteria were recognized.



J. Morse asked the committee to think about what design criteria is needed for preserving the character of a neighborhood.

It was agreed that an open committee brainstorming session take place the first week of November to work on recognition needs and the working group to come back with recommendations for next meeting. E. Purchase to send out the invitation.

Next Scheduled Meeting

16. Committee noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2018.

Adjournment

17. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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