



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
Via Conference Call

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via conference call.

The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Chair: Councilor J. Morse,
Mayor R. Alty, (ex-officio),
S. Allerston,
G. Cochrane,
L. Gordon,
C. Routery, and
F. Sangris.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

R. Lok,
D. Lucas, and
B. Poeschek.

Call to Order

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of the Agenda

3. Committee approved the Agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. R. Alty moved,
L. Gordon seconded,

That the Minutes of the meeting held on November 21, 2019 be approved.

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Administration Update

5. Administration provided an update on the following items:
 - a. Budget;
 - b. Bristol Freighter Repainting / Remaining Funds & Reserve Fund; and
 - c. Intercultural Placemaking Plan & Wayfinding Strategy.



- a. Administration noted that as of January 1, 2020, the Heritage Reserve Fund is at \$186,068.59 and the budget for 2020 is \$35,000; for a total of \$221,068.59.

Administration further noted that several Funding Applications have been received for the April 1, 2020 deadline.

- b. Administration provided the information Committee had requested on the 2020 anticipated costs for repainting the Bristol Freighter. Administration advised that based on the 2018 quote of \$72,300.00 to paint the plane, the anticipated costs in 2020 would be \$101,500; this includes \$5,000 for metal repairs to the plane's exterior and a factor of 15% per year from the original quote.

A discussion took place regarding the plaque on the Bristol Freighter site and whether indigenous history has been included.

Action Item: Administration is to update Committee regarding plaque recommendations for the Bristol Freighter, separate from the repairs and repainting project. Committee will consult with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) on the plaque.

- C. Routery moved,
- G. Cochrane seconded,

That Committee recommends that Council approves the repair and repainting of the Bristol Freighter in 2020.

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- c. Administration provided an update on the Intercultural Placemaking Plan and Wayfinding Strategy and the site installations to take place in the summer of 2020. Administration advised Committee that City Planning staff have been working with Dene Elders on the cultural content for the kiosks and that the Development Permit process is currently underway. It was noted that this matter may come back to Committee for funding approval in the future, with funding currently provided by CanNor.

Action Item: Administration will continue to provide updates to Committee as the project unfolds.

Committee also discussed options for a joint YKDFN / City celebration of the establishment of these site installations, including a Feeding the Fire Ceremony and possibly tying into Aboriginal Day on June 21. It was noted that the last joint YKDFN / City Council meeting occurred in March and that this matter would be added to the agenda for a meeting to be scheduled between the Mayor and YKDFN Chiefs in the near future.

Action Item: Administration is to look into logistics for this celebration, including potential utilization of the Heritage Reserve Fund, Reconciliation funds or CanNor funds for YKDFN drummers and Elders. Committee, YKDFN Councilors and City Councilors will be invited to attend the celebration.

Designation of the Gold Range & Facade Preservation

6. Committee discussed the pending sale of the Gold Range and possible renovation or demolition of the building. Committee noted that it was important to preserve or re-create the facade of this historical



building, and that designating the Gold Range as a heritage site would require permission of the land owner.

G. Cochrane moved,
L. Gordon seconded,

That Committee recommends that Council direct Administration to investigate whether Heritage Preservation under the Development Incentive Program is sufficient for preservation of heritage in Yellowknife, and whether further measures should be taken including the consideration of facade preservation in the City.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recognizing Indigenous Heritage – Discussion

7. A discussion on Recognizing Indigenous Heritage was deferred until a future Heritage Committee meeting, once the Intercultural Placemaking Plan has been implemented.

Action Item: Administration is to include on the next Heritage Committee agenda a discussion regarding the Back Bay Cemetery.

Heritage Resource Working Group – Heritage Fair Update

8. Committee was advised that the Heritage Fair has been cancelled.

Meeting Duration & Frequency – Discussion & Next Scheduled Meeting

9. A Special meeting has been called by the Chair for some time in late April to review Funding Applications received. Following this, Committee will resume meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

Action Item: Administration is to work with the Chair to determine the date and particulars for a Special meeting via videoconference and will circulate this information to Committee.

Adjournment

10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Prepared: April 9, 2020; BP