



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.**  
Via Video/Teleconference

**MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via video/teleconference.

The following Committee members called into the meeting:

Chair: Councillor J. Morse,  
Mayor R. Alty, (ex-officio),  
S. Allerston,  
J. Black,  
L. Gordon, and  
C. Routery.

The following member of the public called into the meeting:

S. Pruyts (NWT Cultural Society) 11:59 a.m.

The following members of Administration called into the meeting:

R. Lok,  
D. Lucas,  
R. McIntosh,  
B. Poeschek, and  
A. Colasuonno.

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**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. L. Gordon moved,  
S. Allerston seconded,

**That the Agenda be approved as amended, to include an update on Back Bay Cemetery.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

4. S. Allerston moved,  
C. Routery seconded,

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 2020 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**New Member Introduction**

5. The Chair introduced newly appointed member J. Black to Committee.

**Funding Program Applications – Presentations & Review**

6. Committee heard a presentation from S. Pruys regarding the NWT Cultural Society's (the "Society") funding application for publishing *The Snow Castle* book. Committee noted that Heritage Funding Program application criteria requires recognition of Indigenous peoples of the Yellowknife area; S. Pruys acknowledged the Society's need to strengthen this component.
7. S. Pruys left the meeting at 12:23 p.m. so Committee could deliberate.
8. Committee deliberated the Society's \$5,000 request. It was determined that the full amount should be awarded, with caveats.

***Action Item: Administration is to bring forth a memorandum to Council noting the recommendation for funding approval.***

***Action Item: Administration is to draft a response letter to the Society and include an invitation to engage with Yellowknives Dene First Nation ("YKDFN"), and specifically Committee member J. Black, to ensure accuracy of the history and traditional lands acknowledgment to be incorporated in The Snow Castle book. The Chair is to present this letter to Committee.***

9. L. Gordon moved,  
C. Routery seconded,

**That Committee make a recommendation to Council to approve the funding application from NWT Cultural Society for the (The Snow Castle) Book project, in the amount of \$5,000, with caveats that recognition of Indigenous peoples of the Yellowknife area is more clearly demonstrated and that the Society work with YKDFN to ensure historical accuracy in the book.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Administration Update**

10. Administration provided an update on the following:
  - a. Development Incentive Program Heritage Preservation/Facade Preservation; and
  - b. Kiosk Preview Presentation (Intercultural Heritage Placemaking Plan & Wayfinding Strategy).



- a. The Chair provided background on facade preservation initiatives. Administration advised that the facade preservation motion carried at the April 8, 2020 Heritage Committee meeting requires further exploration with Committee before Administration is able to prepare a professional recommendation. The existing Development Incentive Programs and the Downtown Façade Improvement Guidelines were reviewed.

***Action Item: Administration is to bring forth further discussion points at a Heritage Committee meeting in Q3, 2020 in response to the facade preservation motion carried at the April 8, 2020 meeting, and a report to Council is to be finalized in Q4, 2020.***

- b. The Chair provided background on the Intercultural Heritage Placemaking Plan (“IHPP”). Administration made a presentation regarding fall 2020 kiosk installations with respect to the IHPP and the Wayfinding Strategy (“WFS”). It was noted that there is \$50,000 allocated to the Heritage Reserve Fund for implementation of the IHPP as of 2018.

***Action Item: Administration is to demonstrate that the objectives of the IHPP are being met by providing further details of the kiosk panels at the next Heritage Committee meeting.***

#### **Kiosk/IHPP & WFS Celebration Planning – Discussion**

11. The Chair introduced R. McIntosh, Economic Development Officer for the IHPP and WFS kiosk unveiling celebration. Committee received an update regarding the timing and related construction logistics. A discussion took place regarding plans for a feeding the fire ceremony, prayer and the YKDFN Drummers. The 50/50 Lot was explored as a possible location and Committee heard that a September timeline is acceptable to YKDFN.

***Action Item: Administration is to liaise with YKDFN to coordinate plans for the kiosk unveiling celebration, including having Elders that provided stories in attendance.***

#### **Back Bay Cemetery Update**

12. Mayor Alty provided an update to Committee on Back Bay Cemetery, noting that the Governance and Priorities Committee will hold discussion on this item at their meeting on June 23, 2020, to evaluate whether to direct Administration to begin work on this matter.

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

13. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via video/teleconference.

#### **Adjournment**

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

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