



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 12:00 noon
Meeting Room at Yellowknife Public Library

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Yellowknife Public Library. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: M. Vaydik
A. Cartwright
R. Heming
S. Irlbacher-Fox
K. Luce-Vivian
R. McKeown

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

L. Dunsmore, Recording Secretary
A. Ferri
D. Lake

The following Committee members were absent:

Mayor Heyck
Councillor Bell
D. Finch
D. Kellett
Councillor Konge

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. R. McKeown moved,
K. Luce-Vivian seconded,

That the agenda be approved.

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Introduction of Devin Lake

3. A. Ferri advised Committee that he would soon be leaving his position as a Planning Officer for the City of Yellowknife to pursue educational opportunities overseas. D. Lake has returned from parental leave to resume his position as a Planning Officer and will represent City Administration in future meetings of the Heritage Committee.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

5. This item was deferred to the meeting scheduled for February 11, 2015.

Administrative Updates

6. a) Budget Update – Committee reviewed the Budget report dated December 31, 2014 and agreed to move the remaining \$5,938.75 of 2014 funding to its reserve.
- b) Heritage Action List – Committee reviewed and revised its list of Action Items. See highlights, below:
- Communications Plan – complete – Communications and Economic Development staff will be asked to assist Committee with its communications initiatives
 - Calendar of Heritage Days / Heritage Committee Web Page – work to update the City’s website is now complete and these items can be added
 - Academic Youth Incentive Program – this will be carried over to the 2015 fiscal year
 - Conduct a year-end review – will continue through 2015 with an ongoing log of projects posted on Committee’s web page
 - Lancaster Project – completion date pushed ahead to July 2016 – a sub-committee will be created to assist in bringing the aircraft to Yellowknife
 - Walking Tour App – the project will be completed by the end of March 2015

Standing Agenda Items

7. a) **Robertson Headframe** – update on negotiations with Newmont Mining
There is no news yet. This issue will be added to the agenda for next month’s meeting.
- b) **Back Bay Cemetery**
The Chair has a list of those occupying the grave sites, and will email it to Committee. In the meantime, members would like to have informative signage posted for those using the trails in the area, and would like to know if Community Services will cover the cost. Further discussion was deferred to the February meeting.
- c) **Heritage Walking Tour App**
CDÉTNO presented Committee with an invoice for the archival photos used in its project. Following a discussion, Committee decided not to accept the invoice for payment as members felt they had invested enough in the project.
- K. Luce-Vivian moved,
A. Cartwright seconded,

That Committee decline the request by CDÉTNO for additional funding to pay for the archival photos provided by the NWT Archives.

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d) **Reconciliation with First Nations**

S. Irlbacher-Fox will email Committee examples of the ways other cities ensure First Nations are represented in Heritage initiatives. A sub-committee largely comprised of indigenous leaders will soon begin this work here in Yellowknife. Ms. Irlbacher-Fox also sits on the sub-committee and will keep Committee apprised of developments and opportunities.

Susan Jackson Project Update

8. R. Heming reported that she still has not received a proposal and cost estimate from the contractor to transfer the photos and other materials in this collection into digital format. While the photos are not suitable for use by the NWT Archives, they would be valuable as a Heritage resource once transferred to CD and given to the Yellowknife Public Library. Ms. Heming says the Mine Heritage Society is willing to store the original boxes of records and photos.

Heritage Week 2015

9. Committee agreed to run Heritage events over four days in February this year, rather than a full week, and to offer heritage events several times throughout the coming year. Events during February's "Heritage Days" will include the ever-popular Wildcat Music Night, the Heritage bus tour, a presentation about the SnowKing's Winter Festival, and a Children's Winter Carnival at the Museum.

Action: D. Lake will work with staff of the City's Communications and Economic Development Department to produce a poster and news release to promote Heritage Days.

Heritage Share

10. R. McKeown recommended that members visit "Walking with Our Sisters", a commemorative art installation now in place in the Discovery Gallery at the Museum. This is a travelling multi-media exhibit that honours the missing and murdered indigenous women of Canada and the U.S.A.

Next Meeting

11. The next meeting of the Heritage Committee will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

Adjournment

12. R. McKeown moved,
R. Heming seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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