



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## MINUTES

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 12:07 p.m.**  
**Lower Boardroom, City Hall**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 12:07 p.m. in the Lower Boardroom at City Hall. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor Son,  
Mayor M. Heyck,  
D. Finch,  
S. Irlbacher-Fox,  
R. McKeown,  
E. Purchase, and  
D. Ritchie.

Absent: A. Cartwright,  
D. Kellett,  
K. Vivian-Luce, and  
M. Vaydik.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

J. Humble,  
W. Yu,  
J. Larsen, and  
S. Jovic, Recording Secretary.

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### **Call to Order**

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

### **Introduction of New Committee Member**

2. The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Eli Purchase, a new member of the committee.



**Approval of Agenda**

3. Committee agreed unanimously to amend the agenda to include a discussion regarding the Establishment of Ice Roads in the NWT, the Back Bay Cemetery and to remove Item No. 8, Council Terms of Reference Review. As well, Committee agreed to reorder the agenda to place a discussion regarding the Establishment of Ice Roads in the NWT at the beginning of the agenda, following the discussion regarding a Working Group meeting.
4. R. McKeown moved,  
D. Ritchie seconded,

**That the agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

5. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

6. D. Ritchie moved,  
R. McKeown seconded,

**That the minutes of the meeting held on September 23, 2015 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Discussion regarding Working Group meeting:**

7. a. **Action Plan**  
Ms. Irlbacher-Fox noted that the working group meeting was productive. Ms. Irlbacher-Fox further noted that there are a number of projects in the Action Plan that require work (e.g. communications). Ms. Irlbacher-Fox stated that they will be aiming to align those items with Council's Goals and Objectives. Ms. Irlbacher-Fox encouraged everyone to join the Working Group.
- b. **Cultural Diversity Memo**  
Committee discussed how to achieve greater inclusion and representation of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and other indigenous groups on the Heritage Committee. Committee noted that this will require changes to Committee's Terms of Reference and discussions with various Aboriginal governments.
8. S. Irlbacher-Fox moved,  
R. McKeown seconded,

***That, in order to encourage cultural diversity and preservation of local history going forward, Administration contact the Yellowknives Dene First Nation to inquire whether they would like to have a representative on the Heritage Committee. Further that Administration contact other cultural groups to inquire how they could be more***



*involved in the activities of the Committee, including potential vacancies, when they become available.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Establishment of Ice Roads in the NWT**

**9. Siting of a Historic Sites and Monument Boards of Canada (HSMBC) plaque**

Mayor Heyck stated that he was contacted by Mr. Thomas Andrews, NWT Representative on Historic Sites and Monument Boards of Canada, regarding the siting of a HSMCB plaque commemorating the establishment of ice roads as a national historic event. Mayor Heyck further stated that as Yellowknife is at the junction of the old cat train trail and the junction toward the Tibbet-Contwoyto ice road, somewhere in the city would be the most appropriate location for the plaque, as it would be seen by many. Mayor Heyck noted that the plaque is 45 inches in length, about 30 inches wide, with text in raised bronze letters, red background with the HSMBC logo. Mayor Heyck further noted that Parks Canada would carry the cost of installation and organize a small unveiling ceremony. Mayor Heyck stated that Mr. Andrews had two possible locations in mind; near the Bristol Monument or in the park beside the Yellowknife River Bridge. Committee suggested that the HSMCB plaque be placed in Rotary Park.

**Action Item:** *Mayor Heyck will follow up with Mr. Thomas Andrews whether they are in agreement of placing the HSMCB plaque in Rotary Park.*

**c. Budget for Cultural Tour**

Administration advised that they contacted Mr. Bobby Drygeese regarding facilitating a Yellowknives Dene First Nation cultural tour. Administration further advised that it would be 2-3 hours long and would involve a drive through Ndilo, Ingraham Drive, Dettah etc. Administration stated that the cost for the tour is \$75.00/per person. Committee requested that scheduling be arranged through email.

10. Mr. Finch moved,  
Mr. Purchase seconded,

***That \$75.00 per board member be allocated to the Cultural Tour.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**d. Motion for 5 plaques**

Administration circulated a document it had created for plaquing specific heritage sites. Committee discussed the following sites:

- Back Bay Cemetery
- Ragged Ass Road
- School Draw Avenue
- Jack Leg Drill in Somba K'e Park
- Woodyard



Committee noted that these would be bronze plaques on boulders. Committee further noted that text is based on work done by Ryan Silke. Committee favoured option 2 for School Draw Avenue (Intersection of School Draw and Lunquist Road). Committee suggested that the wording for the Back Bay Cemetery plaque be amended to delete a reference to “had slashed his own throat” with “police determined it was suicide.” Committee stated that the approximate cost for this project would be \$14,000. Committee further noted that any project or initiative that fall outside of the approved budget and which are above \$3,000 require approval by Council.

11. Mr. Finch moved,  
Mr. Ritchie seconded,

***That Council be requested to approve an expenditure in the amount of up to \$15,000 for 5 (five) Heritage Plaques.***

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Action Item: Administration will draft a memo to Council regarding the \$15,000 funding request for the Heritage Plaques.***

10. Mayor Heyck left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

**e. Raven Project Information**

Administration advised that a few years ago, the Aurora Arts Society commissioned artist John Sabourin to design/build a mould for casting large fiberglass ravens but the mould and the project were set aside by the Society when it started to encounter problems finding studio space. Administration further advised that the mould is in needs or repairs on the beak and foundation. Administration stated that the estimated cost for this project is \$5,000.

***Action: Committee requested that, prior to considering this project, Administration prepare some background information regarding the scope of the Committee, how arts and culture relate to heritage, and options for the Committee to explore further its role in such endeavors in the future.***

10. Ms. Irlbacher-Fox left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

**f. Discussion regarding heritage designation vs. recognition**

Committee noted that it would be beneficial to have a document that would provide information regarding heritage designation vs. recognition.

***Action: Committee requested that Administration prepare a one page document regarding heritage designation vs. recognition and post it on the website.***

**Budget reporting process (Administration overview)**

12. Committee noted that Council approved the proposed Heritage Committee Budget for 2015 with a \$3,000 spending limit per project/initiative as follows:



HC Projects	Heritage Days; Heritage awards; improvements to designated heritage sites;	\$20,000
HC Art Program	Acquisition of art	\$3,500
HC Meeting Expenses & Administration	Heritage Committee meetings	\$2,500
HC Advertising & Plaquing	New plaques and repairs to existing; banners; newspaper/radio advertising	\$5,000
HC Contracted Co sts	Historical research; specialist services	\$4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$35,000</b>

and resolved that projects or initiatives which:

- (a) fall outside of the approved budget;
- (b) are above \$3,000; or
- (c) may conflict with City By-laws or procedures or Council Goals and Objectives;

require approval by Council based on a memorandum and recommendation from Administration.

#### **Other Business**

##### **13. Back Bay Cemetery**

Mr. Purchase stated that Mr. Evan French, reporter for the *Yellowknifer*, would like some information regarding Back Bay Cemetery. Administration undertook to prepare a response for Committee's approval. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

***Action Item: Committee suggested that Administration in cooperation with the Chair/Mayor contact the media to clarify the questions and respond to the inquiry.***

#### **Heritage Share**

14. none

#### **Project Funding Application Form**

15. Committee was provided with proposed Heritage Committee Funding Program Application Form.

**Action: Members were asked to email their feedback to Administration by Thursday, November 5, 2015.**

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

16. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2015.



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**Adjournment**

17. R. McKeown moved,  
E. Purchase seconded,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**