



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 12:00 noon
City Hall - Upper Boardroom

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 12:06 noon in the City Hall Upper Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: M. Vaydik,
A. Cartwright,
D. Finch,
R. Heming,
S. Irlbacher-Fox,
D. Kellett, and
R. McKeown.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

L. Dunsmore, Recording Secretary
A. Ferri

The following Committee members were absent:

Mayor Heyck,
Councillor Bell,
Councillor Konge, and
K. Luce-Vivian.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. Members agreed to add to the Agenda, as Item #7, an introductory discussion of Reconciliation with First Nations, and to restore Heritage Share to the Agenda as Item #8.

R. Heming moved,
R. McKeown seconded,

That the agenda be approved as amended.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Administrative Updates

4. a) Budget Update – A. Ferri reported that Committee had made no expenditures since October, and that he would provide members with an updated Budget spreadsheet as soon as possible.

Annual Review

5. a) Please see highlights, below, and refer to DM#408311 for full report.

Heritage Week 2014:

- theme for Heritage Week 2014 was “Water”
- most popular events were the Heritage presentation at Tree of Peace, the bus tour, and Jam Night at the Wildcat Café
- running smaller heritage events several times a year could help spread the workload among committee members and keep heritage at the forefront of community interest

2014 Projects:

- items on the 2014 action list should be completed before members commit to projects for 2015

- b) The chair would like to see at least two plaques put up in the coming year, and members D. Finch and R. Heming agreed to form a sub-committee with him to decide which sites would be plaqued.

2015 Heritage Week

6. On the Sunday of Heritage Week, the Museum was planning to host a Children’s Winter Carnival as part of its series of Amazing Family Sundays. Committee decided to offer its assistance to the Museum by introducing a heritage component to the day’s activities.

Action: R. McKeown offered to contact organizers for Folk on the Rocks, the Long John Jamboree, and the Farmers Market to offer Committee’s assistance with heritage-related activities.

Reconciliation with First Nations

7. The Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YDFN) is a major contributor to the heritage of Yellowknife. Committee should ensure that culturally significant places are identified (e.g., Yellowknife River and Legislative Assembly site). Recognition of First Nations ties into Committee’s wish to include a seat for the YDFN on Committee. Members agreed that Reconciliation with First Nations will be a standing item on future agendas.

Action: S. Irlbacher-Fox agreed to send Committee suggestions of how the cultural contributions of First Nations to the community of Yellowknife might be recognized, and encouraged members to submit their own suggestions.

Heritage Share

8. The Chair reported that the artist, who created the Tom Doornbos display at the Library, is able to repair the damage it suffered, and will do so after the Christmas rush.

D. Finch offered to find some background information about Back Bay Cemetery, ideally a map of the gravesites and a list of those buried there. If traffic through the area poses a hazard to the graves, signs should be posted on the trails advising users where they are and that they need to be mindful.



Next Meeting

9. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Adjournment

10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.